

SWITCHMEN GRANTED 8 HOUR DAY AND 5 CENTS AN HOUR INCREASE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The eight hour day with straight pro rata time for overtime is granted to the switchmen's union by the federal arbitration board in a decision today in the switchmen's controversy with the railroads. The award affects about 5000 men.

The award gives an increase of 5 cents per hour for both foremen and helpers.

It was said here today on behalf of the railroads that the switchmen's award was interpreted by them as "not giving an O. K. to the Adamson law."

The switchmen had asked an advance of 10 to 12 cents. They had demanded also time and a half pay for overtime work instead of the pro rata basis fixed by the board.

While all the six arbitrators signed the award, James B. Connors and W.

A. Titus, representing the switchmen, dissented as to the five cent increase, to the denial of time and a half for overtime and the award giving overtime at the pro rata rate.

E. F. Potter and T. W. Evans, the railroad representatives, dissented to the award of the eight hour day.

Charles H. Howry is chairman of the board and Jeremiah W. Jenks the sixth member.

The award affects thirteen eastern railroads.

"Much emphasis has been laid upon the fact that the hours of work of the switchmen are often long," says a statement by Arbitrator Howry and Jenks. "Although the standard work day has been ten hours, frequently the men have worked from 10 to 12 and sometimes even some hours longer."

AM. EXPRESS CO. GIVES ITS EMPLOYEES BONUS

Maurice E. Vallant, local agent for the American Express Co., received word last evening to the effect that the company had voted a bonus to its employees, who have been in the service of the company for at least three months, with the exception of those receiving a salary of over \$2000 a year.

The bonus will be paid in quarterly payments, the first to be given next month. It will consist of a month's pay for those who have been in the employ of the company a year, three weeks' pay for those who have worked nine months, two weeks for six months and one week for three months. Sometime in January the first bonus will be paid, the second will be given in April, the third in July and the fourth in October. The bonus will affect about

NO SUN MONDAY

Monday being Christmas day. The Sun will suspend publication of all editions. Tuesday's Sun will have a full account of the holiday news.

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Then spare a kindly thought to the store where they were bought. Where skillful care and foresight made your Christmas gifts. To the clerk who waited on you with such patience when the crowd.

Purged and surged around you. While some grumbled out aloud. "Think of these and compare the prices with all others for and near."

While we wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy Bright New Year. Miss Ethel Dwyer, Lowell High School.

PRES. WILSON'S NOTE STILL DOMINATING FEATURE OF NEWS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The American note to the belligerent nations still is the dominating feature of the news in Great Britain today. Virtually all the newspapers continue to devote leading articles to the note, while British, French, German and other comment is prominently displayed under such headings as "Lansing's 'Verge of War' Blunder," "The Shame of Peace" and "Wilson's Mistake."

So far as Great Britain is concerned, the press says that President Wilson already has been answered by Premier Lloyd George, who delivered his speech in reply to the German proposals, by the address made, on Thursday night, by Andrew Bonar Law, the chancellor of the exchequer and finally by the emphatic declaration of his cabinet through the king's speech on Wednesday.

However, it is recognized in official circles, that a formal, polite reply is due President Wilson, and this, it is said, will be drafted after consultation with Great Britain's allies. Life has since, the late Lord Salisbury, Foreign Secretary, Balfour is a masterly dispatch writer. This was displayed in the communication written by him when he was first lord of the admiralty in refutation of various German statements.

ITALY GETS NOTE

ROME, Dec. 23, via Paris, 11:35 a. m.—Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador at Rome today handed to Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, the note from President Wilson "containing a suggestion on the subject of a plan of action concerning the war."

GERMAN COMMENT ON NOTE

BERLIN, Dec. 23, via London, Dec. 22.—The Lokai Anzeiger through admitting that President Wilson's note to the belligerent powers has great political significance, wonders whether it comes as an aftermath of the German proposal to the entente or is independent of it. The Lokai Anzeiger declares that Germany and her allies cannot take a stand until the entente answer is received which, from advance reports it considers gives no cause for optimism. On the character of this answer and whether it proves to be a replica of the speeches of Premier Briand and Lloyd George the paper thinks the fate of the Wilson note appears to stand or fall. The Anzeiger says it has no desire to belittle the efforts of the president but reiterates that they are subordinate to the next move of the entente.

Effort to Save England

Count von Reventlow, in the Deutsche Tages Zeitung declares that the character of the entente is obvious from the headline "The United States are Mixing It." Count Reventlow devotes the greater part of his editorial to the statement of Secretary Lansing which he terms a threat against Germany. He says that the German opponents of the American proposal of conducting a conference under any circumstances, use his naval weapons.

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DEC. 23, 1916

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COMMISSIONER PUTNAM GIVES FIREMEN TEN PER CENT INCREASE

Commissioner Newell F. Putnam stated this morning at his office at city hall that, commencing tomorrow, December 24th, the firemen of Lowell will receive a 10 per cent increase in their pay, and he announced also that he had appointed to the permanent force five full men, viz: Joseph E. Fontaine, Edward Landry, Berry M. Simpson, William J. Lane and Martin F. McNally. He has also appointed as fireman for the department, Arthur F. King.

Commissioner Putnam said: "In the matter of firemen's pay, Lowell has lagged behind, as may be seen from the list of sixteen cities presented to the municipal council. Even with this increase we will be far from the head of the list. The men richly deserve the raise and there is enough in my recent appropriation to pay them for the remainder of the year. It will be slightly over \$300. With the appointments that I have announced this morning there will be 137 men in the department."

Joseph E. Fontaine will be assigned to truck 4, West Sixth street; Edward Landry, hose 12, West Sixth street; Berry M. Simpson, hose 12, West Sixth street; William J. Lane, hose 7, Central street and Martin F. McNally, hose 11, Lawrence street. All have served as call men for the required time and though the appointments are made subject to the approval of the civil service commission, Mr. Putnam does not anticipate any trouble. Arthur F. King who has been appointed fireman will have to get on the civil service list and must apply for examination.

Moses Fontaine and Landry were appointed as permanent men by Alderman Barrett in 1913 and served for a short time. Later, Commissioner Carmichael was notified by the civil service commission that they were not eligible for the position, neither having served five years as call men. The average age of the five men is 41. Mr. Joseph E. Fontaine, the youngest, being 24 and Berry M. Simpson being 46. Arthur F. King is under 30.

Before the increase the firemen of Lowell received \$195, but commencing tomorrow their pay will be \$264.50.

LARGENY CASES CITY COUNCIL HOLDS BRIEF MEETING

Albert Caisse was before Judge Enright in police court this forenoon charged with attempting to commit larceny on November 24th last from the property of Felix Verbois. He pleaded guilty. The occupants of the

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Beautiful Cut Glass—Ricard's.

REPORT TORREON CAPTURED BY VILLA

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Unconfirmed reports that Torreon had been captured by Francisco Villa's forces were forwarded to Washington by government agents early today.

These reports stated that the fighting started early yesterday morning and continued until 1 o'clock in the afternoon when the city capitulated.

Santa Rosalia, 75 miles southeast of Chihuahua City, was captured Dec. 12 by Villa forces, according to a message received today by an El Paso man who owns property in Santa Rosalia. Three hundred Carranza soldiers who had been ordered there to go to Chihuahua City were captured and nearly all, including their commander, were executed, the message said. No property was destroyed.

COURTESY OF ASSESSORS IS APPRECIATED

The following complimentary letter was received this morning by Mayor James E. O'Donnell from the Interstate Commerce commission at Washington, D. C.:

Dec. 15, 1916.

Hon. James E. O'Donnell, Mayor, Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir:—Please accept my thanks for the many attentions given to the appraisers of this department while they were at work on the appraisal of the railroad lands in your city.

I am informed that the members of your assessing board and their assistants were particularly courteous, and that they assisted us in every way possible to the end of the appraisal. It was in their power to do so. Such co-operation is gratifying and I take pleasure in commending you on having such an efficient force.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Ziegler, Valuation Attorney.

A letter couched in similar language was sent to the board of assessors.

Mayor O'Donnell also received a formal invitation to attend the governor's inaugural ceremonies at the state house, January 4, 1917, commencing at noon. If nothing intervenes his honor will be present.

PLEASANT SURPRISE

Popular Superintendent of Ideal Comb Factory Gets Music Cabinet From His Employees

John H. McMahon, the well known tender solicitor of the State of Massachusetts, and superintendent of the Ideal Comb factory, was agreeably surprised this noon, when the employees of the factory presented him a beautiful mahogany music cabinet. Just before the noon bells sounded, the employees assembled in the office of the factory, and a committee was appointed to get the popular superintendent and escort him to his desk. When he appeared, all joined hands and encircled him. Mr. Arthur Heller then stepped forward and in a neat speech asked the superintendent to accept the gift as a token of the esteem in which he is held by all those who labor with him. Mr. McMahon was overcome, but soon found words to thank his friends for the present, and concluded by wishing all a very merry Christmas.

PRESENTED FLAG

Members of Asa John Patton circle, No. 20, Ladies of the G. A. R., presented a silk American flag to the first and second grades of the Tilton school yesterday afternoon. The gift was accepted on behalf of the pupils by the teacher.

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SUNDAY MUSIC IN THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES

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The Protestant churches throughout the city, with the exception of the Episcopal churches, which will commemorate the occasion on Monday, will have special musical programs tomorrow. The programs for some of the churches follow:

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
10:30 a. m.
Organ Prelude, Jubilate Deo, Silver Processional, Little Town of Bethlehem, Solo chorus.
Good Tidings.
Junior Chorus.
Behold I Bring... Cantic Sempiternum.
The Heavens Declare the Glory of God.
Hymn 84, Hark the Herald Angels Sing.
Postlude, Hallelujah Chorus... Hand.
4:20 p. m.
Organ Recital.
Alleluia Cantabile from Fifth Symphony.
Alleluia... Whiting.
A cantata, The Star of the East.
J. S. Pears.
Offertory, Pastoral... Gullman.
Postlude, Grand Chorus... Gullman.

FIRST BAPTIST
Morning Service, 10:30
Sermon, "The Bethlehem Stars That Still Shine."
Music.
Chorus, And the Glory of the Lord.
From the Messiah.
Carol anthem, O Little Town of Bethlehem.
Chorus, Vision of the Shepherds (from Cantata, The Manger Throne).
Evening, Organ Recital, 6 o'clock.
Music.
Chorus, And There Were Shepherds.
Quartet, The Heavenly Lullaby, Adams.
Sermon, "Mary, the Mother of Our Lord."
Hallelujah Chorus (from The Messiah).

GRACE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
10:30 a. m.
Sermon, "Midnight and Morning."
Music.
Organ Voluntary, March of the Kings.
Anthem, While Shepherds Watched.
Response, He Shall Feed His Flock.
From The Messiah.
Anthem, And the Angel Said Unto Them.
Anthem, Glory in God.
Organ Postlude, Hallelujah Chorus.
Hand.
HIGHLAND METHODIST CHURCH
Miss Lillie J. Dunn, organist and director.
Miss Belle Libby, soprano.
Sermon, "Mary, the Mother of Our Lord."
Hallelujah Chorus (from The Messiah).
Christmas Prelude.
Solo, The Message of the Angels.
Hawley.
Anthem, Rejoice, O Daughter of Zion.
Postlude.
EVENING.
Cantata, The Light Eternal... Petrie.
Regular quartet assisted by large chorus choir.

FIRST TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL
10:30 a. m. CHRISTMAS SERVICE
Processional.
Junior Vested Choir.
Anthem, Through the Portals... Laury.
Cantata, The Light of the World.
Senior Choir.
Violin solo.
Frank J. Deignan.
Exercises by elementary departments of Sunday school.
Pastor's message: "Christ and the Crowded Inn."
12 m.—Regular Sunday school session.
Barnard men's class in annex.
4:30 p. m.
Christmas drama and concert.
Wednesday, 7:15—Annual meeting of church.
P. W. Edmunds, musical director.
W. W. Coburn, organist.
Frank J. Deignan, violinist.

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LADIES!

Continue to our usual custom on this occasion we wish to address the GENTLEMEN also.

A Salutation

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MORNING, 10:30
Prelude, Allegro Maestoso, John West.
Invocation.
Anthem, The Christmas Song, with Violin obligato, Mrs. E. Wilson.
Solo, Miss Alice A. Seible.
Psalm 111, Hymn 75, Christians Awake.
Prayer.
Anthem, Unto Us a Child is Born, Ira B. Wilson.
Scripture, Announcements.
Hymn 83, Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning.
Sermon, Rev. N. W. Matthews.
Anthem, My Faith Looks Up to Thee, E. S. Lorenz.
Solo by Mr. Fred Potter.
Offertory, "Offertory".... Frank Lynes.
Hymn 84, Hark the Herald Angels Sing.
Postlude, Festive March, G. V. Flagler.
EVENING, 6:30
Prelude, Chorus of Angels.... S. Clark.
Anthem, Holy Night Drive, Carrie B. Adams.
Solo by Miss Esther Atkinson.
Anthem, Peace on Earth, E. S. Lorenz.
Solo by Miss Martha Matthews.
Sunday school Christmas concert.
Recitations, solos, etc. by members of the school.
Offertory, Cantique De Noel, Ad. Adams.
Postlude, "Postlude".... Alex. Gullman.
Chorus choir of 30 voices. Violinists, Messrs. Joseph E. Fielding and Graham Paschall. Leader, Mr. Joseph Fielding; organist, Mr. Charles Pierce.

FIRST TRINITARIAN CHURCH
Morning Service at 10:30 a. m.
Organ Prelude, Offertory in E, Baptiste.
Anthem, Come Near, Ye Nations.
Duet, O Little Town of Bethlehem.
Soprano and Alto.
Anthem, While Shepherds Watched.
Postlude, Offertory in F..... Way.
Vesper Service at 4:30 p. m.
Organ, Pastoral Symphony from The Messiah.
Alto solo, He Shall Feed His Flock.
Soprano solo, Come Unto Him... Handel.
FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
10:30 a. m.
Sermon, "What Christmas Teaches."
The following elaborate musical program.
Organ Prelude with violin, Saint-Saens.
There Shall Come a Star Out of Jacob.
Prayer.
Evolution Comes Today..... Borch.
The Angels Sing..... Dressler.
(With violin obligato)
So Silently the Stars Look Down.
Response, Christmas, Blessed Christmas.
Offertory, Meditation, violin, Perillow.
Choir, Mrs. Winifred Symonds, soprano; Mrs. L. Roberts, contralto; Fred Booth, tenor; Harry Needham, bass; assisted by Mrs. Katherine Winsa, violinist; Mrs. Helen C. Taylor, organist and director.
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HOW LEWIS GUN IS CARRIED FORWARD BY TROOPS—MAN WITH CAP IS COL. DOOLEY
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There were two good attractions at the demonstration of the Lewis gun at the plant of the United States Cartridge Co. in South Lowell, yesterday afternoon. The attractions were the demonstrator and the gun.
The demonstrator was Col. J. J. Dooley, a former employee of the Cartridge Co. and one of the greatest gun and ammunition experts in the country. He knows the Lewis gun from start to finish and his demonstration of this wonderful piece of ordnance was interesting in the extreme. It was as Col. Dooley said the expense of the barrel is not a case of a good gun and a good demonstrator.
The demonstration was witnessed by members of the Lowell Business Men's Association, newspapermen, Lowell friends of the popular colonel and a few from out of town. The demonstration was within doors and Col. Dooley told spectators that he would come again in the spring and give a public demonstration in the open. The simplicity of operation and the wonderful speed and accuracy of the gun are included in the features that make for its success. And it isn't the least bit fussy, either, as to the condition of cartridges, for it disposed of some that Col. Dooley had operated on with a hammer with as much ease as it did the perfect cartridge.
The great interest in this gun, outside of its fire-eating and death-dealing propensities, is the fact that the inventor, Col. Isaac Newton Lewis, for 25 years a distinguished officer in the United States army, offered it gratis to the United States and his offer met with that refusal. The cause of the rejection has not yet been made plain.

British Grabbed It
Later on the gun was given a demonstration in England and the British realized its worth and acquired it immediately. The most effective machine gun in use by the allied armies in the great war in Europe is by unanimous judgment there the Lewis gun and today more than 200,000 of these country-made rapid-firing guns are in use by the British in France and during the battle of the Somme they were functioning at the estimated rate of 15,000,000 rounds every twenty-four hours.
Since the war began the number of pounds fired by the British from Lewis guns is estimated at between 5,000,000 and 7,000,000,000. It is the only machine gun used in the British first line. Lord Hugh Cecil speaking in the house of commons, recently referred to it as "a weapon that is the envy of all Europe." This opinion is endorsed by General von Fritsch, the British chief of ordnance and by the supreme field commanders of the allied forces in France. For many months the Germans have been making frantic efforts to duplicate the gun for use in their own armies.

Rear Will Be Aired
Members of the militia affairs committee of the senate and the house, among whom there is much dissatisfaction with the war department decision rejecting the Lewis machine gun as part of the equipment of the mobile army, will probably have an airing of the entire controversy in connection with the army appropriation bill.
The first step will probably be taken by the house committee on military affairs. Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance, has been asked to appear to explain the recent official estimate for ordnance. The committee says he will be questioned concerning the unfavorable attitude of the department toward the Lewis gun, which has been adopted by foreign armies in preference to other types.
Secretary Baker, who will appear before the committee will probably also be quizzed concerning the rejection of the gun.
Members of the senate committee suggest that there appears to be an air of mystery about the controversy and intimate that the department will be called on for an explanation. There is a feeling that there is something back of the whole matter and that army jealousy has entered into it, which Secretary Baker is trying to cover up. The whole question of the department attitude toward inventors is likely to receive attention.

Making Lewis Guns
Col. Dooley stated yesterday that the Lewis guns are being turned out every week in England and that 500 a week are being made in the United States.
Col. Dooley said he is not by any means a fanatical looking weapon, a machine gun, and Col. Dooley can attest it is an easy matter to downstrate it because of the fact that the gun "speaks for itself." The writer and others were invited to fire

the gun and all were glad of the opportunity. The first thing rendered the spectators as they entered the "shooting room" was a wad of cotton with which to plug their ears when the "man killer" started to bark. The gun will carry a distance of 3000 yards, and will shoot to kill at that distance. Col. Dooley put the gun through all the paces yesterday and used hundreds of cartridges.
There were questions asked concerning the wear of the gun and Col. Dooley said the barrel of the gun needed renewal after 5,000 discharges, but while the cost of the gun is \$1000, the cost of the barrel is \$100. The gun is operated the same as any ordinary gun, by simply pulling hand on guard and trigger and the rate of firing yesterday was between 600 and 800 a minute.
The magazine is a circular metal case containing about 50 cartridges. It is placed on a pivot over the trigger and the magazine is emptied in less time than it takes to tell about it. The barrel never gets hot and there never is any trouble from heat expansion. Another very important feature of the gun is the facility with which it can be moved about. The gun weighs 25 pounds and while it is necessary at times to abandon heavier guns, the Lewis gun can be carried away and for the reason would not fall into the enemy's hands.
The reception committee at the demonstration consisted of General Superintendent Gerald Craig, Assistant Superintendent William J. Robinson, superintendent of the South Lowell plant, Lucien Horton, superintendent of the commercial department, C. C. Sledge, Assistant Chemist, Edward Burns, Walter Combs, secretary to Capt. Don, Publicity Representative John F. Kenney and Chief of Police Martin Conway.

LARCENY CASES
Continued
Verlone home in West Centralville work in local to help and the house is vacant all day. On the noon of December 21st, the door was locked as usual and when one of the family returned home in the evening, Cassie was found in the house. He had parted promptly without making any articles but the bureau drawers, chests, etc., had been ransacked. A case, who came to as he was on the property with the so-called occupant, said that he has been working out of town and came home last evening to spend Christmas. He told the court that he had been drinking previous to the day he entered the house and did not remember any of the details. The case was continued until Tuesday, had been fixed at \$200.

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GENERAL MANGIN, LEADER OF ATTACK WHICH REWON FOR DOUAMONT

worked at the Lamson factory and picked the brass from the scrap pile. Counsel for Fraser attempted to have the case disposed of so that he could spend Christmas with his family. Fraser, who is but 22 years of age, has a lengthy record and appealed from two sentences in the local police court within a year. He is in the care of Probation Officer Ramsay of the superior court at the present time and his case was continued until Tuesday, when Mr. Ramsay will report.

Assault and Battery

The case of Joseph Thierrier, who was arrested early in the week accused of assault and battery on an eight year old girl, was re-opened this forenoon. The girl is still in the hospital.

Statuary at Low Prices—Revised

The case of Jas. Dragadosis, charged with assault with a knife, was placed on file after civil settlement had been entered.

DICTATE FOOD POLICES OF WARRING NATIONS

To the three men shown in the picture—top to bottom, Joseph (Polish) Adolf von Batocki and Lord Devonport—France, Germany and Great Britain, respectively, have entrusted the management of the food problem. It is their



Top to Bottom: THIERRY, VON BATOCKI, LORD DEVONPORT

duty as food controllers is to see that their respective countries have enough to eat and that the food is equitably distributed. Larceny was recently in Vienna to make an agreement between Germany and Austria-Hungary for the exchange of goods and the prevention of profit making on foodstuffs.

CITY HALL NEWS
Continued
Commissioners Morse, Donnelly and Puram were present.
A communication was received from George W. Harrison relative to the proposed purchase of two autos for the district fire chiefs. It was referred to Commissioner Puram.
A communication was received from W. T. S. Baggett relative to the ownership of the river bank at Pawtucketville. This was in consequence of



General MANGIN
The picture shows the victor of Fort Douaumont. General Mangin who commanded the infantry attack in the great French offensive at Verdun. General Mangin played a great part in the French success before Verdun. He was entrusted by General Foch with the command of the infantry attack. Under him, British reserves, were these divisions, comprising men from various parts of France, a colonial regiment and a battalion of Senegalese. The capture of Fort Douaumont was the great achievement of the day. General Mangin has been commander of colonial troops in the French army.

the vote of the city council to lease the land owned by the town and to make it a public market. The vote was carried by a majority of 10 to 6. The property of the market is owned by the city and the market is to be used for the sale of foodstuffs. The market is to be used for the sale of foodstuffs. The market is to be used for the sale of foodstuffs.

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No more practical present can be made for a young or old man.
Auto-Strip Safety Razor
We have the standard \$5.00 and \$7.50 razors, red, brown and green.
Continental razors in nickel, silver and glass cases, \$5.00 to \$10.00.
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There's a little lady who's cheerfully stood at the post in front of this store through frigid cold and snow or rain. A bit of your change dropped in her "chimey" will help along a most worthy cause and your Christmas will be all the happier for so doing.

SARAH FARMER WILL MISSING.
PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 23. The wife of the late Sarah A. Farmer, formerly of Greenacre farm at Obit Mass., and who recently after some years spent as an inmate of the sanatorium of Dr. Edward S. Cowles here has disappeared.

The probate court clerk of Maine explains the absence of the wife declares it is in the hands of the probate court clerk of Massachusetts. The probate court clerk says it is in the possession of the Maine probate court clerk.

REV. W. VAN ALLEN TALKS ON IRISH QUESTION

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—"Mad, preposterous folly," was Rev. Dr. William H. van Allen's characterization last evening of the resolutions adopted at the Quincey House by "Friends of Irish Freedom," last Wednesday evening, demanding that Great Britain ask for a guarantee of freedom for Ireland, as one of her allies, when she announces her peace terms.

"Equally mad," he added, "are Irishmen and Irish-Americans who hope that Germany will win the present war. Madmen never see the straight, and they fail to see that Ireland could not exist without the protection of the British navy, and Germany's treatment of Poland in the past and of Belgium recently shows what Ireland might expect if she became subject to Germany."

The speaker gave a lecture in the Church of the Advent entitled "Ireland During the Great War and After," in which he ascribed the Sinn Féin outbreak in Dublin last spring to the cowardice shown by the British government's representatives in Ireland in allowing the British of Ulster to arm and indulge in unreasonable talk thus emboldening the Sinn Féiners to do the same thing later.

Tools of Germany

Dr. van Allen declared that the outbreak in Dublin was not only backed by the German government, but by Germans in the United States, working through Irish-Americans, who, he said, sent large quantities of revolutionary literature to Ireland. He expressed much sympathy for the Sinn Féiners, as honest, sincere, but misguided men, who did not represent the greater part of the Irish people," and said the proof of it is that there has not been one representative of the movement in parliament.

He ridiculed the "Irishists," whom he charged with having declared through one of their representatives, that they would rather be subjects of the Kaiser than live under Home Rule. "If I had to choose between them," said Dr. van Allen, "I would rather be a Sinn Féiner than belong to the Ulster party."

Irish Heroism Will Win

The speaker expressed his conviction that the Irish question will be settled by the heroism of the Irish in the trenches in this war. He said that in the early part of the war the Irish enlisted more numerous than any other class of British subjects, and that then was the time when they should have made their demands for Ireland's future.

"Irishmen have won a very large proportion of the Victoria crosses," he asserted, "and the bravery of the men of the type of Sgt. Michael O'Leary will accomplish more than all the agitators of the past in securing justice for Ireland."

Dr. van Allen likened the Sinn Féiners to John Brown and his band, for high motives and heroism, and also for their mistaken zeal. He fully acknowledged that Great Britain had treated the Irish with a savagery that was positively "barbaric," but he maintained that if Irishmen will only free themselves from "what has always been a curse to them—following irresponsible personal leaders," and get together, the bravery of their troops in the trenches will obtain justice for them after the war. Dr. van Allen expressed the hope that all things will be determined after the war.

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.
Rueine Tires, Beharrell's.
J. S. Mohr, optometrist, Wyman's Ex.
When you have any real estate to sell, consult J. P. Bonner, 223 Hill-dren bldg. Telephone.
The Lowell Humane society will do no Christmas charity work this year. The directors at a recent meeting voted not to continue the usual Christmas work on account of the amount of work on hand.

Misses Helen Haggerty, Kitty Kinnon, Flora Herbert and others at Richard's Central street and Misses Blanche La Rue and Alice Landry at the Merrimack street store are assisting in accommodating the holiday crowds.

Adams Bros., shoe manufacturers, with a plant in this city, have purchased the factory at Pittsfield, which they have also used for the manufacture of shoes for some time. The company will maintain its Lowell factory as in the past.

President John Gribben of the United Textile Workers of America will come to Lowell Tuesday evening for the purpose of taking up the matter of grievances in local mills. Mr. Gribben will attend a meeting of the Lowell Textile council.

The waterways committee has addressed a communication to the vice president of the Boston & Maine railroad requesting that the dangerous passengerway, made of narrow Church street along the railroad tracks to the rear of the electric light station be closed to pedestrians.

As usual there will be something doing at the Highland club tomorrow night. Christmas eve is always observed by the members of the club and tomorrow night members of the club, and friends and neighbors, will gather around the festive board. As usual there will be the Christmas tree and the singing of carols.

The local police have been asked to try and locate Joseph G. Oliver of New Bedford, a mill operative, believed to be working in Lowell. The New Bedford authorities state that Oliver has a child, dying in that city. It was thought that Oliver was boarding at 236 Central street, but no one by that name could be found.

A sub-committee of the Lowell board of trade, consisting of Daniel F. Carroll, John H. Murphy, John M. O'Donoghue, Fred C. Church and Robert P. Gaudin, held a conference with the officials of the New England insurance exchange in Boston yesterday afternoon on the matter of fire insurance rates in Lowell and after an hour's consultation it was referred to Counsel O'Donoghue and Chairman Carroll of the board of trade committee and Secretary Gaudin of the exchange, those men to meet sometime after New Year's.

Framed Pictures in Variety—Ricard's

DAVIS—Died in this city, Dec. 21, Henry Davis, aged 72 years, a widower, at his home, 265 Liberty street. Funeral services will be held at 255 Liberty street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery. Please omit flowers. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers J. P. O'Donnell & Sons.

FOSTER—Died in South Chelmsford suddenly at the home of C. M. Allen, 66 Elm street, Friday, Dec. 22, at 10 o'clock. Friends invited to attend funeral services will be held from the rooms of Undertakers Young & Blake Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers M. H. McDonnell & Sons in charge.

McNAMARA—John McNamara died Dec. 22 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James E. Burns, 93 Moore street, aged 50 years. Funeral will take place Sunday afternoon from the home of his daughter, Mrs. James E. Burns, 93 Moore street. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will take place in the Edison cemetery. Friends invited. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers Higgins Bros.

MURPHY—The funeral of Walter Murphy will take place Tuesday at 8 o'clock from his late home, 118 Fayette street. Funeral high mass will be celebrated in the Immaculate Conception church at 10 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers J. P. O'Donnell & Sons.

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OUR GREATEST NATIONAL WEAKNESS

One of the announcements made by Premier Lloyd George in his speech after assuming the duties of the office, was, that the entire merchant marine of the United Kingdom would be nationalized, that is, the entire trading-vessels would be taken in charge by the government and used to promote the interests of the empire during the war.

To Americans who are acquainted with our national dependence upon England in the matter of a merchant marine, this announcement caused considerable alarm. It may not be known generally, yet it is an undisputed fact, that the bulk of our foreign commerce has been conducted in British ships.

Some authorities go so far as to assert that in case of war, we could not supply our coaling stations abroad without calling in foreign assistance. This is a very serious state of affairs and at this stage there is no telling what the precise result of England's new policy will be. If England should withdraw all her ships from the American trade, this nation would be left almost as badly off as if it were under a general blockade. To be sure the evil might be overcome after a year or two, but during that time our industries would have to suffer a most serious handicap on account of the lack of an adequate merchant marine.

Perhaps if the truth were known, it was the anticipation of the serious hold-up that would come to our commerce as a result of this move, that caused President Wilson to send his recent note to the belligerent powers suggesting that the contending parties state the conditions upon which they would enter into negotiations of peace.

The authorities at Washington have been repeatedly warned of the helpless condition in which this country would find itself in case of war without having a merchant marine big enough for transport business, much less to take care of our foreign commerce. If England should carry out her plan of withdrawing all British ships from American trade, many of our American industries would be paralyzed inasmuch as they would have no means of shipping their products abroad. Perhaps this situation will open the eyes of the American people to the insecure methods under which we have been conducting our commerce.

While diplomats favored a merchant marine, they did not favor subsidies to private concerns. England pays liberal subsidies, but the vessels of every company so subsidized become auxiliaries to the navy in time of war. In this way the big ships of the Cunard line for example became auxiliary cruisers or transports soon after the war began, while trading vessels have been employed in other lines as dictated by the necessities of the government.

President Wilson has urged the necessity of a merchant marine in the face of much opposition but it is probable that even the republicans will now see that prompt and radical action is demanded. The shipping act already passed will have to be supplemented and strengthened.

There have been many obstacles in the way, it is true, chief among them being the matter of reducing sailors to a condition of servitude which cannot be countenanced under the American constitution. The American Seaman's act protects them against such conditions. President Wilson's plan is to have the government build ships or get them in any other legitimate way and control their operation.

This in a few years the government might be able to build up a merchant marine that would be able to handle the bulk of our foreign trade and relieve us of the abject dependence upon England or any other foreign nation.

Should the government be thrown upon its own resources before the end of the war, it could purchase the interned vessels of Germany and other belligerent powers without any breach of neutrality by arranging not to have the purchase price paid until after the war. After all, this emergency may prove beneficial in arousing the American people to a state of mind in which they will demand the building up of a first class merchant marine that will take our flag to every harbor in the world and that will also demonstrate the capacity of American seamen under conditions superior to those offered by any other government.

At a time when the industries of this country appeared to have a great opportunity for entering foreign fields with unusual success, this situation arising from the war is quite embarrassing, but it must be met so as to give us a merchant marine adequate to all our needs.

Even Japan is looming up with a merchant marine that carries her products to foreign ports. Thus in spite of the higher cost of labor and material in this country, it is simply imperative that this, our most glaring national weakness, be overcome with the least possible delay. As a world power and particularly in the domain of commerce, it is highly detrimental to our interests to depend for our sea-faring trade upon foreign nations some of which may be classed as avowed rivals in the markets of the world.

To the readers of The Sun, we wish a merry, merry Christmas and all the joy and good cheer the season.

LLOYD GEORGE'S PEACE

Premier Lloyd George has made a good impression upon the whole world excepting perhaps the central powers by his first official utterance in parliament. He took a strong and definite stand upon the war and the only one that England and her allies could properly take unless they were prepared to submit to Germany and acknowledge defeat. So far from that being the case, the allies are now more confident than ever and despite the vast expense, they are preparing to push the war with renewed vigor.

The premier's speech in parliament has elicited the enthusiastic approval not only of the people of England but also of the other allied nations. Rev. Dr. McMahon, a New York clergyman, states that Pope Benedict XV favors the kind of peace outlined by Premier George in his speech, one that will be just and that will endure.

That is the peace that the whole world, except those on whom it would fall most heavily, desires to have; it is the kind the allies say they must have; but when it will come or how, is a question which none can answer.

MAY PACIFY IRELAND

It is now announced that the new premier of Great Britain has a definite plan for the settlement of the Irish question and the pacification of the Irish people. It was expected that Premier George would do something

in this line as he was always in favor of settling the question without haggling so much over it. He never was inclined to pander so much to the Ulster minority as was Premier Asquith. The New York municipal council of the United Irish league, the other day, adopted a manifesto stating that those who tried to make it appear that Ireland is an ally of Germany are not aiding the Irish cause, but on the contrary are putting a weapon in the hands of Ireland's enemies with which they may do serious harm. England has wasted a great deal of time over this question although ministers with a keen insight to the real interests of the empire would have settled it in a few weeks by sweeping aside the opposition. They are now beginning to see where their real interests lie and to distinguish between essentials and non-essentials.

SECRETARY LANSING EXPLAINS

Secretary of State Lansing announced that his first explanation of President Wilson's note was seriously misunderstood when the general public assumed that the president had intimated that this country might be obliged to enter the war. The secretary hinted at this eventuality and left the impression that it was this very feeling that led the president to address his note to the powers at this particular time. The explanation did not do justice either to the president or to the note. There was no such intimation in the president's words and as a result the secretary was promptly called to the White House and advised to issue a contradiction of his first statement which he did without delay. It was a very serious matter at such a critical moment to give out any statement that placed the president and the country in the light of contemplating war.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE HORSE

That was a novel idea carried out in Boston this afternoon when a Christmas tree was provided on Post-office square for the work horses of the city. The tree, of course, was loaded with good things for the horses and it was quite interesting to doubt to see how they helped themselves to the edibles and entered into the spirit of the occasion. The only approach to anything of this kind that we remember in Lowell, occurred at a banquet given by Frederick G. Mitchell to the men who had worked in the new Bon Marche building. While the banquet was in progress the horse that had operated the derrick all during work of construction, was supplied with a fine meal at the door of the banquet hall. It does no harm once in a while to show a little kindness to the dumb animals that render such assistance to man, in his work.

Seen and Heard

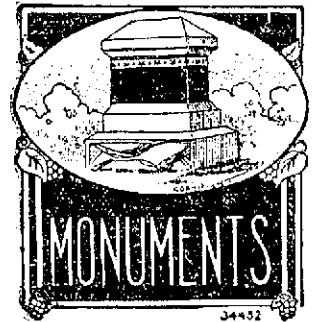
How many folks there are who want to suggest things first themselves.

Danger in Waiting

Just because an Oregon scientist declares that old men do the best work is no reason, of course, why young fellows should put off contemplated achievements until the arrival of declining years. It may be that the man who accomplishes little in his early maturity will make up for the lack when he starts down the wearisome slope of life. It doesn't sound reasonable, however.

The Way of a Woman

"She passed me on the street yesterday."



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day without speaking."
"She did?"
"Yes, she stuck up thing."
"I wouldn't say that. Perhaps she didn't mean to snub you."
"Of course she meant to snub me. You see, I had on my old hat."
"Oh, wouldn't make any difference to her."
"Oh wouldn't it? Once before, when I happened to have on an old dress, she didn't speak to me, either. Now I'm through with her. If she doesn't care enough for me to speak when I'm in my old clothes she needn't speak at all. I won't speak to her when I'm dressed up. That's all there is to it."
"Did you speak to her?"
"I should say not! It's her place to speak first. Do you suppose I'm going to attract attention by yelling my lungs out for the sake of her? I guess not."
"Perhaps she didn't see you."
"See me? Of course she did. I saw her, didn't I? Then why didn't she see me?"—Detroit Free Press.

Hard Work Spells Success
Following rainbows in the form of get-rich-quick schemes is the shortest to failure. Gov. Philip told the Commercial club of Massachusetts yesterday that for every plunger who scores a brilliant success there are thousands of failures among men who back on the turn of a single card in the business world. Conservative men are the great business leaders of the country, he asserted.

Here are a few of the governor's "punches" on "the road to success":
"Find out what you want to do and do it well."
"Don't be a plunger—don't chase rainbows—be conservative."
"Don't borrow money unless you know how you are going to pay it back."
"There is a payday for everything in life, and the man who fails to keep his credit good cannot succeed."
"Don't be just legally honest—be honest because you like to be square and clean in your dealings."
"Put 'pep' into your work and be game in the face of failure."
"There is no royal road to success—success means industry honestly applied."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Dickens and Christmas

To the genius of Charles Dickens was due the familiar type of Christmas story. The pioneer of all Christmas numbers was "A Christmas Carol." Thackeray called that tale of Old Scrooge and Tiny Tim a "national benefit." More than that, "A Christmas Carol" has been an international benefactor, carrying its burden of happiness across the Atlantic and disseminating its cheerfulness in every community in the United States. Millions of readers have smiled through their tears in the seventy-three years that the world has been the richer for having "A Christmas Carol."

Dickens wrote the story at the end of 1843 to relieve himself of the financial embarrassments produced by his rather lavish housekeeping. He was disappointed in the pecuniary result. He received less than \$100 from the sale in his original edition. This is attributed to the very expeditious form in which it was published. Five other Christmas books which followed, beginning with "The Chimes," were much more profitable. Then, in later years, the Christmas numbers of Household Words, to which the "Christmas Stories" were contributed, sometimes reached a sale of 200,000 copies.

In the end Dickens had little reason to complain of the rewards of his efforts in opening up the rich vein of Christmas fiction. He was acknowledged the supreme master in that field. Thackeray published Christmas books, but wisely refrained from attempting anything similar to "A Christmas Carol" or "The Chimes." In their own way, however, "Rebecca" and "Household Words" reached the "Christmas Stories" were contributed, sometimes reached a sale of 200,000 copies.

Moonslight is different from any other light. There is something about it that cannot be imitated—a softness, a silvered gleam, a shimmering, with the artificial lights, nor prepared by subduing the light of the sun. And a moonlight night out in the country, well, there is that connected with it which inspires.

The moonlight is a sort of molten thing that seems to have been melted.

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and poured over the earth. It sifts through the trees and settles about the earth as gently as the twilight falls at evening but with a subtler touch. The shadows along the road seem more freakish, more mysterious. The fields do not appear the same as at any other time. The forms appear exaggerated, or unnatural. Even the clouds are not the same as they have vibrated through the night when the moon is shining.

And then, whether sailing unobtruded through the heavens or splattered with swooping clouds, the moon itself attracts your attention. You cannot help looking at it—and wondering. Of course, you know all about it. You have read in the books its character and characteristics. But you wonder just the same.

But the moonlight night! That's the thing. What boots it whether the moon is known or unknown? It is there and it is beautiful. There are the shadowy formations, the forms and features nowhere else to be observed. There is the stillness of the night, and the mystery of the unknown, the sense of looking at you in the dark, the sense of your presence in the dark, the sense of your presence in the dark.

From the Dayton News.

Growup

Last year he wanted building blocks. And this year he wanted a car. And now he wants a girl. But now he's big and all that stuff. He tells us that he's old enough to ask for rubber boots.

Last year whatever Santa brought him he didn't like to open. He never gave his wants a thought. Nor made his wishes known. But now he says he wants a Sun. He tells us that he's old enough to ask for rubber boots.

The baby that we used to know Has somehow slipped away. And when or where he changed to go. Not one of us can say. But here's a better-seller had. That to me really shows. And boldly wishes that he had A pair of rubber boots.

I'll bet old Santa Claus will sigh When down our due he comes. And so the baby that he used to be And so the baby that he used to be And so the baby that he used to be.

Edgar A. Guest, in Detroit Free Press.

They Do Say

That the Turks are still in the war. That the rest of the turkeys are doomed. That stockings of Lowell kiddies will be well filled.

That umbrellas were very appropriate yesterday. That happy is the child with a pretty Christmas tree.

That Jupiter Pluvius was on the job yesterday all right. That this is the last day to do your Christmas shopping.

That the singer and story-teller at Keltin's was some girl. That many a man to cure a headache cultivates a headache.

That it was easy to picture Santa Claus coming last night. That it's a good idea to start the new year with a bank account.

That the remark "Oh, Shush!" was very appropriate yesterday. That there's a whole lot said about co-operation that isn't meant.

That it is hard to look surprised at some of those surprise parties. That all the traffic cops were blowing fog horns yesterday afternoon.

That the umbrella and shoe dealers had a thriving business yesterday. That some of the greatest poets you've never wrote a line of poetry.

That Ernest J. Dupont will make an excellent president for Club Lafayette. That peace will look as strange to all Europe soon as war would seem to us.

behind and this is the season you find 'em.

That Billy Sunday will hand some hot shot to Boston when he gets somewhere else.

That many poor families will be made happy by the Salvation army dinners.

That many people are wondering whether it is better to use wheels or runners.

That a physician is a man who tells you you need change and then takes all you have.

That when a girl toes in, "way back in her family there was an Indian chief somewhere."

That some fellows can get away with a questionable story and make it sound like a classic.

That the shopping in local stores today showed that the money was not all spent early.

That one of the prettiest trees of all is the tree that has tinsel for flowers and toys for fruit.

That a club lecture on "current events" is an attempt to have another digest your mental food.

That the raising of salaries at city hall is never popular with those who are on the outside looking in.

That Christmas didn't pass unnoticed in the schools even if the programs weren't carried out as planned.

That when it comes to playing poker with a pinocchio pack it is time to wander away from the "Stick-Together" club.

That as seen from the tenth floor, the snow-marked roof of the Prescott mill looks like photos of the square of St. Mark's.

That the kids are always happy at a time of Christmas cheer—but how hard it is to kid oneself when the eve of life draws near!

That the no-school signal yesterday afternoon prevented the carrying out of some of the entertainments in the public schools.

That Rep. Achin will be one of the busiest men in Lowell New Year's eve, for he is scheduled to attend at least a dozen jollifications.

That the shortest day in the year proved to be a very foggy one, and it was necessary to use the electric lights during the mid-afternoon.

That the homely one may grow up to diamonds and a limousine, while the pretty one may grow to the garret and the one black silk dress for the old maid's wardrobe.

That Captain Brosnan is looking the picture of health, but his left hand is still in a condition that will probably cause him to remain away from his post for several weeks.

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for New England. Philip Duggan of Boston said there is plenty of coal in the mines, but facilities for transportation to seawater were lacking. He thought J. P. Morgan and the president of the Reading railroad could solve the whole problem.

Mrs. Carrie G. Barr suggested government ownership of railroads, as well as mines. There is plenty of coal at Salem, a coal dealer, said she is unable to get coal from her usual source of supply.

Joseph R. Lees of Somerville declared that "gentlemen's agreement" has existed among Boston coal dealers since 1812. "There is plenty of coal at the mines," he said, "but Boston men have issued orders that it is to be held back in order that present conditions may be continued."

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SUN REAL ESTATE AND BUILDERS' PAGE

LOWELL CONTRACTORS ARE VERY BUSY

Despite the high cost of materials and the scarcity of help, Lowell contractors have got all they can do in the building line and some of them, it is said, are refusing work, for in many instances builders have all they can attend to from now until spring. A number of jobs are being delayed by the cold weather, while the railroad is also responsible for the tying up of work on account of being unable to transport the material ordered.

Many lot owners of the large tract of land known as the Fair Grounds in Gorham street, who had made plans to erect dwelling houses, are holding back, awaiting the action of the municipal council on the petition of the Gorham Street Improvement association.

tion that the land be purchased and converted into a playground, for if the council votes to purchase the land all building operations there will cease at once.

Several large dwelling houses are being erected in this city and among them is a five-tenement block at 237 Adams street, which is being erected for John Leventis and George Chikas. The building will be 30 feet, 9 inches by 60 feet, 6 inches and three stories high. Each tenement will contain five rooms with modern conveniences, and the estimated cost of the building is \$15,000.

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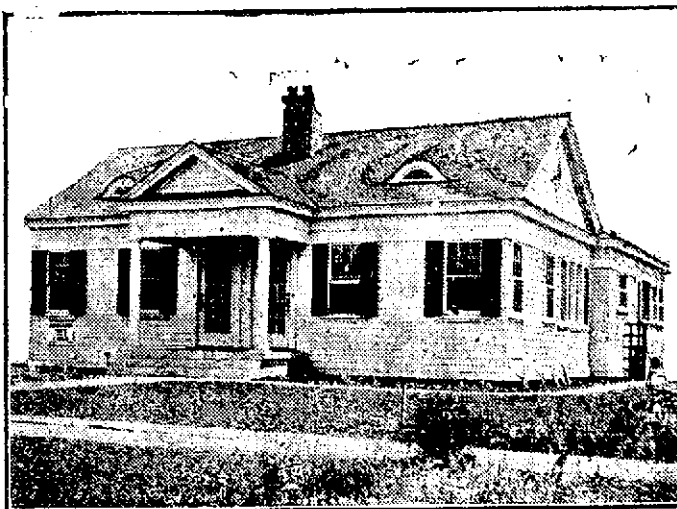
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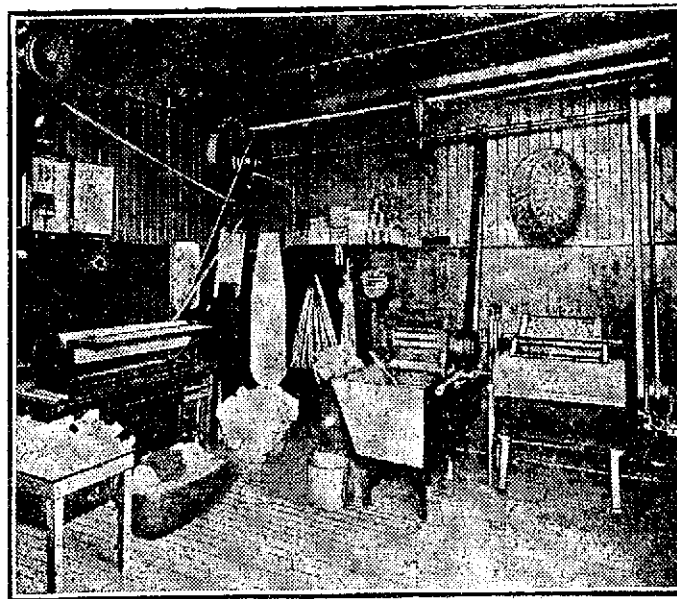
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A SMALL COLONIAL BUNGALOW



PERSPECTIVE VIEW—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH



INTERIOR VIEW—MODEL SANITARY LAUNDRY

Making Monday a pleasure instead of a dread is just what has been done in this house plan. Everything is within reach and all of the machinery worked by electricity, making the day's work run systematically in every way. Although the conveniences are so practical, there is a great deal to admire in the design and beauty of this bungalow. Can be built, exclusive of heating and plumbing, for about \$7500.

property is \$4000.

Messrs. Leventis and Chikas are also making considerable alterations to their property numbered 32 Cross street. The roof of the building is being squared up to the height of three stories in order to make the building a six-story structure, each tenement to have five rooms and bath.

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The cost of the changes will be \$2800.

Permits granted during the week at the office of the inspector of buildings are as follows: To Henry J. O'Dowd for the erection of a two-family house in high street, each tenement to have eight rooms and bath. The building will cost \$7000. To the Turner Centre Creamery Co. for the construction of two dormer windows to its building in Thorneike street at a cost of \$700. To Frank C. Goodale for the erection of an all steel garage at 234-236 Pine street, cost \$200. To the Lowell Metal Ceiling Co. for the building of an addition to its store-room and workshop at 635 Broadway at a cost of \$50. To George Vozelos for the widening of a bulkhead at 327 Market street at a cost of \$50.

Twelve Tracum Block
The old Smith homestead in Merrimack street, at the corner of Spalding street, has been purchased by Karpel Hoppian. The property consists of a house valued at \$3000, a stable, a barn, and 5500 square feet of land valued at \$5150, making a total of \$8150. The property was sold by Theresa Estelle Smith and the deeds were transferred a day or two ago. Mr. Hoppian has made plans to tear down the house and stable and upon the premises to build a 12-tenement house. It is expected that the work of tearing down will be started in a couple of weeks.

REAL ESTATE DEALERS

THOS. H. ELLIOTT
Thos. H. Elliott, offices 64 Central st., cor. Prescott, reports the following sales negotiated during the past week ending Friday, Dec. 22nd:
Final papers have been passed in the sale of an excellent residential property situated at 14 Hawthorne st., near its junction with Pine st. The house is of the full two and one-half story type with eight first class rooms. The land involved in the transaction amounts to 5000 square feet, the assessment being at the rate of 10¢ per foot and totalling on land and buildings \$3000. The property throughout is of the finest grade of construction and modern to the slightest detail. The sale is effected on behalf of Donald W. Mackenzie, the grantee being Mrs. Juliet G. Spalding. Mrs. Spalding buys for personal occupancy.

At the sale of an attractive suburban property situated in the Westmost section of Tewksbury. The parcel is directly on the main Boston road and comprises a house in cottage style and land slightly in excess of an acre. The house has five rooms and is equipped with all the modern conveniences and provides for a fine garden. The sale is negotiated on behalf of Lindley A. Roberts, the grantee being Mrs. Catherine A. Penney. Mrs. Penney buys for a home.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

For the Week Ending Dec. 22, 1916

LOWELL
Zakay Haven et al. to Estel Greenberg, land and buildings cor. Concord st. and passageway.
Oliver H. Perry et al. to Alfred Rodman Hussey, land and buildings on Nesmith street.
Helen D. Cabot et al. to Alfred Rodman Hussey, land and buildings on Nesmith street.
Alfred Rodman Hussey et al. to Louise Reed Stowell, land.
Alfred Rodman Hussey et al. to South Congregational society, land and buildings on Nesmith st.
Hannah Strauss et al. by admr. to Alden G. Gifford, land on Marlborough st.
Thomas W. Johnson et al. to Harriet K. Cole, land and buildings on Grand street.
Fannie E. Marshall et al. to John Queney, land and buildings on Grand street.

BULLFINCH
Anna C. Cushing by attorney, to Jesse L. Ferris, land on Bartlett road.
Suburban Land Co., Inc., Boston, to Henry S. Gardner, land at Nutting's Lake park extension.
Oliver Davidson to Battle E. V. Jones, land on Beacon and Walnut sts.
Battle E. V. Jones et al. to John Desmond, land on Walnut st.
Margaret McFarling et al. to John Warburton, land and buildings on Rargaway road.
Alexander Truscuro by mgt. to Eugene F. Hamilton, land at Central park.
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Bellefleur Garden Suburb, Inc., Billerica, to Garda True, land on Breadham road.
Edgar P. Sellev to Dora Browning, land on Shawshaven road.
Edgar P. Sellev to Joseph W. Browning, land cor. Shawshaven and Woodland roads.
Edgar P. Sellev to John J. Mallory et al., land on Rural avenue.
Jennie S. Tyler to J. Edward Allen, land and buildings on Tewksbury and Boston and Lowell roads.

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CALLS WILSON'S NOTE A CHRISTMAS BOMBSHELL

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Globe today gives a secondary place to its comment upon President Wilson's note which is made in a satirical vein under the heading "What is the matter with him?"

"We sincerely hope President Wilson is not unwell," says the Globe, "but we find ourselves gravely doubtful as to his physical well-being."

The newspaper proceeds to ask if the president has never heard of what the Germans did in Belgium and Serbia and confesses that it finds itself unable to believe he knows these things when he describes the central powers as desirous of securing small states against aggression. The high cost of living is said to be hitting the average American citizen very hard indeed, which may account in some measure for the milk of human kindness in the presidential cocoon.

The Star in its comment says: "President Wilson's note is a Christmas bombshell. It comes as a complete surprise to us. Let us say at

once that the allies in general and Great Britain in particular ought to treat it with the most sympathetic respect and give it most friendly, most careful consideration.

"Mr. Wilson is one of the greatest presidents of one of the greatest nations of the world. He stands for the things that we as a nation believe in. His ideals are our ideals. We gladly give his words the hearing due to a friend speaking in behalf of friends. We refuse to question his sincerity or his single-mindedness."

"There could be no worse mistake than to think Mr. Wilson is doing to the allies what President Lincoln did during the fight for the Union. We did not ask President Lincoln to save Lancashire at the expense of American liberty and we are confident Mr. Wilson will not ask us to sacrifice our liberty in order to mitigate the hardships which the war inflicts upon Americans."

MAYOR AND MAYOR-ELECT OF HAVERHILL HONORED

2000 CITIZENS SUBSCRIBE TO FUND TO SECURE CUP AND SPOON IN GOLD FOR RETIRING OFFICIAL

HAVERHILL, Dec. 22.—Mayor Albert H. Bartlett, who was defeated for reelection by Leslie K. Morse, got the surprise of his life yesterday, when a dozen prominent citizens walked into his office and presented him with a solid silver loving cup, valued at \$200 and standing 15 inches high, containing also 10 \$10 gold pieces. In addition they gave him an illuminated testimonial, done in parchment. The gifts came from 2000 Haverhill citizens who subscribed to the fund to secure them. The testimonial was signed "Your true friends," and praised Mayor Bartlett for his service to the city, to the people and for his loyalty to Americanism, also wishing him the best of success.

At the Wachusett club last night Mayor-elect Morse was given a diamond ring by the members. He is president of the club.

REAL LONDON FOG A XMAS SURPRISE

NAVIGATION ON LOWELL STREETS RISKY, BUT SHOPPERS WENT THROUGH IT BRAVELY

Santa Claus treated Lowell to a real Christmas surprise yesterday. It took the form of a fog of the London variety which settled down on the city and gave the streets, stores and people an unreal and uncanny appearance. Before the fog there was a bluish glare which made familiar sights seem like a peep into some foreign city, but there was no illusion about the fog; it was the real thing laid on thick. Through it the shoppers who were courageous enough to face the weather plodded, some seeing a yard ahead, and the lights of the stores seemed sick and wan. Everything is taken in good spirits the few days preceding Christmas and so many found in the unusual fog an unusual charm. Those who have traveled much abroad must have recalled trips "across the channel," and all that was needed was the sounding of fog horns to recall early stories of the sea in which great ships collided and dived brooded on the deep. But, as some poet has said, "You'll never get drowned on Land" (Champaign as long as you stay on shore, and the fog that fell on Lowell was a safe fog in which to navigate.

ASKS GREAT BRITAIN TO FIGHT ON

ENGLISH SYMPATHIZERS IN THIS STATE CABLE PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The following letter was yesterday sent England's new premier, David Lloyd George, by officials of the "British Imperial Relief Fund of New England":

"To Right Hon. David Lloyd George, M. P., Prime Minister, Etc., London, England: "British community of many thoughtful residents in Massachusetts is delighted with the spirit and determination of your government for prosecution of the war. Their message is: 'Hold high the torch of liberty, and never surrender until the objects of the allies have been attained.' Vast majority of American people profoundly sympathize with your great purpose, to deliver Europe from Tonic despotism and unbridled savagery. May God bless the British people, and grant to their arms a speedy victory for the freedom and security of mankind."

Tr. Herbert Winchler, chairman, "Charles H. McLaughlin, treasurer, "Stuart Tod, secretary, "British Imperial Relief Fund of New England, Boston, Mass., Dec. 21, 1916."

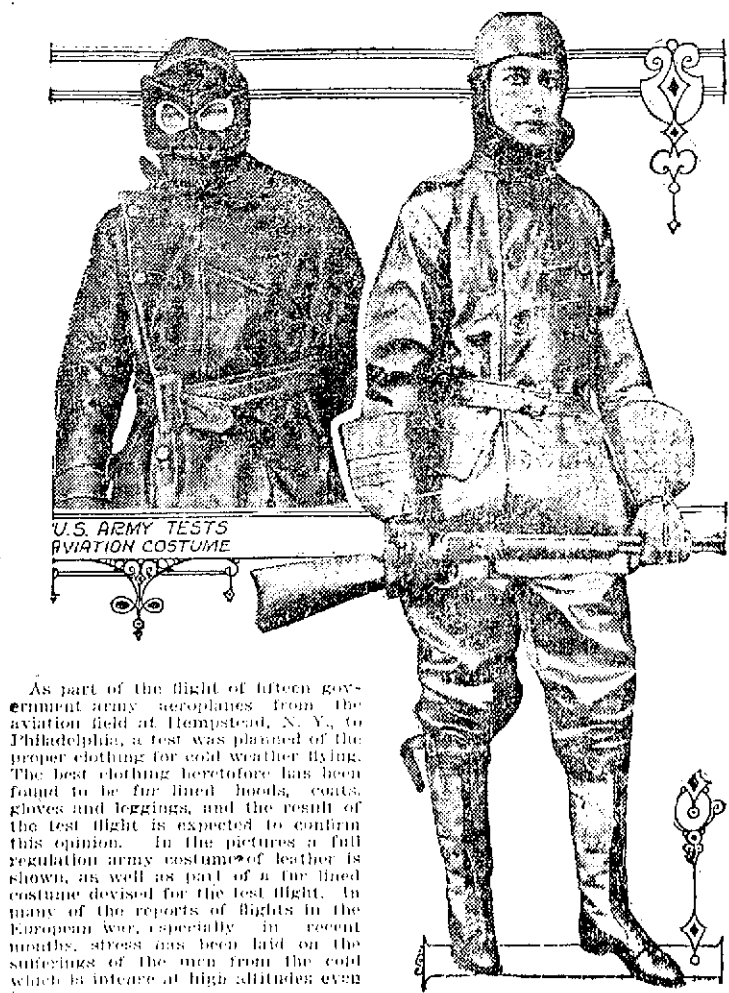
TWO BIG CANDY CANES FOR LOCAL EDITORS

Judley L. Page, the famous candy maker, has made two mammoth Christmas canes which appear in his store window on Merrimack square. They are over seven feet high; one is white peppermint and the other red Christmas candy. They are both quite solid.

Mr. Page, through his store manager, Mr. Will Bell, has offered to make a present of these canes, one to the editor of The Sun, the other to the editor of the Concordian. The editor who guesses nearest to the weight of both canes will have first choice. It is hoped that after the two editors receive their canes, there will be more saccharine savanry in their utterances.

EXTRA DIVIDEND
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Corn Products Refining Co. today declared an extra dividend of 5 per cent. on the preferred stock to the amount of accumulated unpaid dividends on that issue. A quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on the preferred stock was also declared. The previous quarterly disbursement was 1 1/4 per cent.

ARMY EXPERTS TRY TO DISCOVER PROPER GARB FOR WINTER FLYING



As part of the flight of fifteen government army aeroplanes from the aviation field at Hempstead, N. Y., to Philadelphia, a test was planned of the proper clothing for cold weather flying. The best clothing heretofore has been found to be fur lined boots, coats, gloves and leggings, and the result of the test flight is expected to confirm this opinion. In the pictures a full regulation army costume of leather is shown, as well as part of a fur lined costume devised for the test flight. In many of the reports of flights in the European war, especially in recent months, stress has been laid on the suffering of the men from the cold which is intense at high altitudes even in summer.

THE GERMAN SOLDIER HAS HIS TREE, TOMMY HIS TURKEY, FOR CHRISTMAS



FRITZ'S CHRISTMAS TREE AND TOMMY WITH HIS TURKEY

Christmas is the time for "heimweh" (homesickness) among men of the German army, parted by the war from their families and compelled to spend the holiday season in the trench. Officers, solicitors for the welfare of their men, know the extra strain to which the soldiers are subjected at this time and do their utmost to relieve it by making special efforts to forward letters and parcels from home and by aiding in getting up Christmas parties like the one shown in the upper picture. The Christmas tree, as is natural, since Germany is its original home, plays a prominent part in the German soldier's Christmas festivities. The lower picture shows two British "Tommys" with their Christmas turkeys sent from home to the salient front.

SALE OF DANISH BODY FOUND VILLA BEGINS ATTACK ON TORREON

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22, via London, 6:14 p. m.—King Christian, in the cabinet council today, ratified the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

R. I.'S GREATEST CIVIL WAR FIGHTER DEAD

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 22.—Captain Charles C. Gray, 52nd U. S. state and a former member of the state committee, died yesterday after an illness of two years. He was known as Rhode Island's greatest civil war fighter. He was at the siege of Knoxville with Battery D and in the Shenandoah campaign. At Fishers Hill, Gen. Sheridan took his horse and Capt. Gray captured a Confederate battery. He was a champion rifle shot. He was in the thickest of the Bull Run battles.

SCORES PAWNBROKERS

LAWRENCE JUDGE SAYS HE'D PROSECUTE THIEVES TO GET RECOVERERS OF Stolen Property

LAWRENCE, Dec. 22.—In disposing of a case of lawlessness in the district court yesterday Judge Mahoney denounced some of the local pawnbrokers as brokers of thieves. "I should prefer to let the unfortunate thieves go and get some of the pawnbrokers for receiving stolen property," was his assertion.

SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—An official report to the state department today said that the British horse ship St. Ursula, bound from Saloniki to Montevideo, was sunk with six Americans in the creek, was sunk without warning by a torpedo from a submarine of unknown nationality on Dec. 12. Two officers reported seeing the wake of the submarine and its periscope, but not the ship. The survivors, including the six Americans, were rescued at Malta six hours afterwards. Four men still missing. The state department has ordered further investigation.

PAN-AMERICAN BAIL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The president and Mrs. Wilson, members of the cabinet and nearly all Latin American diplomatic representatives attended a pan-American ball given here last night.

HELD IN \$10,000 AS THE RESULT OF GIRL'S DEATH

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 22.—Walter L. Johnson, aged 45, a bowling alley manager, against whom two indictments were returned by the grand jury, pleaded not guilty to the suspicion court yesterday to a charge of alleged complicity in the procuring of an operation which resulted, on Nov. 7, in the death of Dorothy Hughes, 13-year-old school girl.

He entered a like plea on an indictment based upon his alleged relations with the girl. Bail was fixed in each case at \$10,000 by Justice Tanner. Johnson was first arraigned yesterday in the district court before Judge Gorham. He pleaded not guilty of relations with the Hughes girl and was held in \$10,000 for the grand jury. Shortly after the arraignment Chief Inspector O'Sullivan withdrew his complaint against Johnson and he was released, but was again arrested by Sheriff Kinnison on the secret indictment. He maintains his innocence.

BUCKET BRIGADE FIGHTS FIRE

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—One hundred and fifty inmates of the Suffolk School for Boys on Rainsford Island, formed a bucket brigade to fight a fire that swept a shoe factory and storehouse on the island last night. The boys helped save nearby buildings until relieved by the arrival of a fire boat. The loss was estimated at \$15,000.

STIFF RULES FOR BAY STATE FOUNDRIES

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Steam heated foundries, hot and cold water, ventilated entrances to protect the foundrymen from drafts, goggles and leggings for men carrying molten metal, proper ventilation and sanitary arrangements, are a few of the drastic regulations contained in a new set of rules relating to working conditions in foundries, issued by the state board of labor and industries, which go into effect Jan. 15 next.

For more than a year the state board has been working on the new rules, assisted by a committee of four employers and four men representing the workers. The rules will go into effect next year subject to any modifications which may be shown advisable at a public hearing to be given Jan. 2.

WHIRLED TO DEATH

Mill Hand Caught on Revolving Shaft at LACONIA, N. H.—Recently Married

LACONIA, N. H., Dec. 22.—Forest Merrill, 28 years old, of Plymouth, N. H., was instantly killed here yesterday when his clothing became entangled in a revolving shaft in the mill of the Boulla Gorrell Lumber company, by which he was employed. Merrill was attempting to make his way to a frozen water pipe when the accident occurred. The young man was recently married.

WATER POWER LEASING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A bill naming a commission of cabinet officers to supervise water power leasing was proposed to President Wilson today by Secretary Lane, who suggested it be made an administration measure to supplant several water power bills pending in congress.

WAGE INCREASE

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Employees in the lumber trade throughout the country will receive an immediate wage increase of from 8 to 10 per cent. E. E. Hooper, secretary of the Lumbermen's association, announced here today.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT SHIPPING BOARD

PRES. WILSON NAMES MEN TO HAVE SUPERVISION OVER FREIGHT RATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson today nominated as members of the government shipping board William Denman, San Francisco; Bernard N. Baker, Baltimore; John A. Donald, New York; John Barber White, Kansas City, Mo.; and Theodore Brent, New Orleans.

The board under the law will have general supervision over freight rates in American waters. It is empowered to organize a \$50,000,000 corporation to build or buy merchant ships.

The ships built or bought will be available to lease or charter by private interests but may be operated by the government should private concerns fail to take them. The intent of the law, aside from being to restore ships for American commerce, removed by the war, is to open up trade routes which private capital does not consider get profitable enough for it to enter.

The ships may be used as naval auxiliaries in time of war.

Mr. Denman, who gets the longest term of six years, is a democrat and a lawyer with experience in admiralty cases.

Mr. Baker who was nominated for a five year term has had wide experience as a ship owner and for thirty years was president of the Atlantic Transport Line. He is a democrat.

Mr. Donald, the third, democratic member, was nominated for four years. He had had a lifelong experience in the steamship business.

Mr. White, a republican, was nominated for three years. He is a lumberman and exporter.

Mr. Brent, the second republican who was nominated for two years, is a railroad man.

At the White House it was said he was a republican with "progressive ideas."

Under the law the board elects its own officers.

TO PAY FOR SERVICE ON THE BORDER

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000,000 FOR ARMY SUBMITTED BY SEC. BAKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A deficiency appropriation of \$25,000,000 for the army on account of Mexican border service was submitted to the house today by Secretary Baker.

PARDON FOR A PRESENT

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—A Christmas pardon was granted by Gov. Whitman yesterday to William J. Cummings, who has served three years and two months of a state prison sentence for his part in wrecking the Carnegie Trust company of New York. It was mailed last night to Trenton prison and will be one effective on arrival.

Many millions of dollars were involved in the failure of the Carnegie Trust company, and the affairs of the institution still are in process of liquidation. Cummings was a partner in the company. He was convicted of having applied money to his own use and that of some friends in control of

MACK AND COMISKEY FOOLED EXPERTS AT RECENT MEETING



CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Although the reports were sure some big deal was going to be pulled off, but they were fooled. Both Comiskey and Mack, they talked over old times and nothing big. Comiskey and Mack are two of the oldest American league standbys and have had much to do with the league's success. The former has led upon and their troubles were probably spent more money than any other manager in the American league. Mack has probably developed more good baseball talent than any other manager in the American league. Pictures of Mack and Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox. The pair were constantly together during the entire season—on the field, before and after. Ex-

Today's Fashion Hint



Worn with the ever ready blue serge skirt is this white georgette blouse, picked out with embroidered medallions, also blue. Collar, cuffs and buttons strike a further contrast to match the skirt.

COLDEN OF SEASON

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Today was the coldest of the season in Chicago. The official thermometer registered 2 degrees below zero.

BONUS OF MONTH'S SALARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The American Express Co. today announced a bonus of one month's salary, payable in quarterly installments, to all employees who have been one year or longer in its service and who receive \$2000 or less annually.

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THINGS ARE VERY QUIET AT WASHINGTON

Special to The Sun
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The decision of Col. Abbott, chief of the board of army engineers, as made known by him this week, to reverse the decision of the late Col. Critchfield and accept the suggestion made by Congressman Rogers of Lowell for improvements on the Merrimack river is a big feather in the cap of the Lowell member of congress.

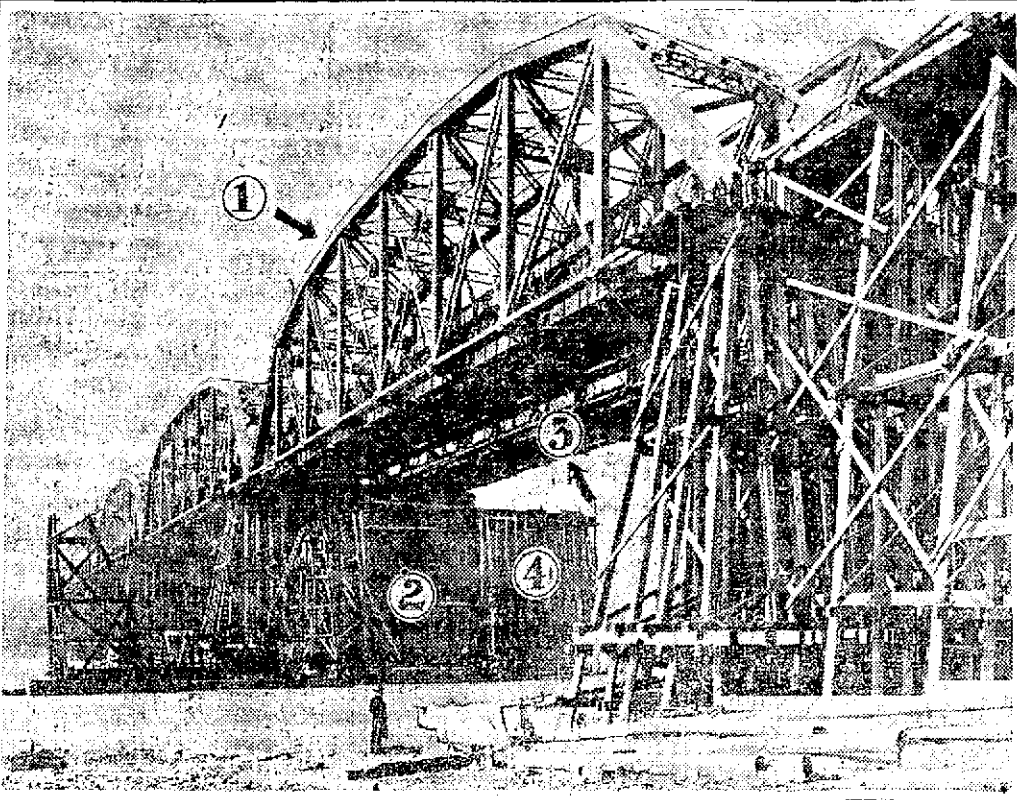
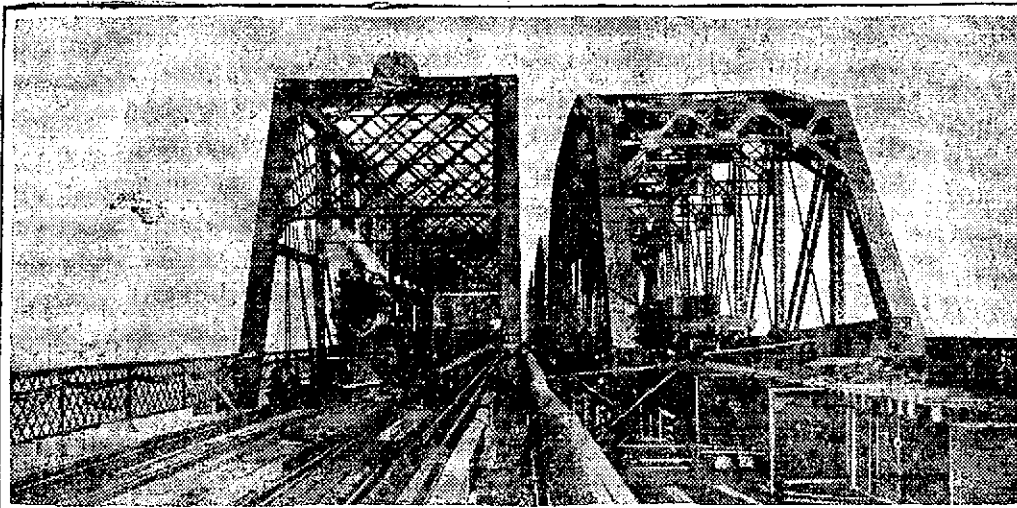
It is now proposed to recommend improvements which will include a 100-foot channel from the sea to Lowell at Haverhill Falls, the state of Massachusetts to bear 50 per cent of the cost and the federal government the other 50 per cent. The cost as estimated is approximately \$7,000,000. This is the first time since the Merrimack improvements were first agitated a half-century ago by Gen. Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell that the matter has advanced to such a stage. The next step will be to bring it before congress for consideration. The Massachusetts representatives from the several Merrimack districts worked in harmony for the project, but it rested on the shoulders of Congressman Rogers of Lowell to push the matter to a finish, which he did even though the first decision was an adverse one. He then prepared a most comprehensive summary of the situation and benefits to be derived from carrying out the project, appealed from the first decision and now has won out by securing a favorable report from Col. Abbott, chief of the board.

asked regarding foreign affairs. This week he was pelted with questions of all kinds, except those which he told the men he did not wish to be touched upon. It is an unwritten law that the president is not to be directly quoted after these interviews, but the correspondents gain an opinion of his views which they are at liberty to use. The president made it quite evident that he intends to press the railroad legislation, but was unwilling to state whether or not he would call an extra session if his legislative program outlined was not put through before March 1st. Apparently he has no intention of recalling the German troops from Mexico at present, but he made it plain he did not wish to be closely questioned regarding Mexico or Europe. There seems to be a general opinion among those who saw the president that he is opposed to state railway commissions on the ground that they interfere with and obstruct the work of the interstate commerce commission, and that if such state commissions are not abolished they should be limited to authority on matters entirely within their own states.

And, while we are commenting on possible future action and making predictions, it may be well to say that there is a good deal of talk out here to the effect that a big break between President Wilson and Mr. Gompers is looming up in pretty plain sight. As neither man is made up of pliable clay, the sparks will fly when the crash comes.

Receptions and Dinners
The White House began its state receptions and dinners a full month earlier than usual. In addition to several elaborate formal dinners the

ENGINEERING SKILL SHOWN IN SHIFTING TRAFFIC ON BRIDGE ACROSS MISSOURI RIVER



TOP PHOTO—OLD AND NEW MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGES—LOWER—1 NEW STRUCTURE, 2 OLD FOUNDATION, 3 OLD BRIDGE. — 4 STRUCTURE ON WHICH OLD BRIDGE HAS BEEN PLACED BEFORE BEING DISMANTLED

Undoubtedly one of the greatest engineering feats of modern railroad times was the changing of the long railroad bridge across the Missouri river at Omaha.

The installation of this new railroad bridge, capable of accommodating the immense traffic across the river at this point, was accomplished in less than one hour and the gigantic traffic was held up less than sixty minutes. The piers which provided the foundation for the old bridge were used for the new one. When the last work was done on the new bridge, the change

was made by slipping the immense steel structure upon the old foundation, with the old structure switched to the other side. A peculiar feature of the old structure is that it is as good as when built, but with the constantly increasing traffic at Omaha the immense tonnage was such that a new bridge was necessary to take it safely. In May, 1916, work upon the new bridge was started on false piers, parallel with the old structure. Working day and night since the inception of the work, 200 men were required to complete it in good time for the big

change. The new bridge is double tracked, the only one across the Missouri river; is 1,722 feet long, weighs 10,520,000 pounds, is seventy feet wide and cost \$1,000,000. Six trunk lines of railroad use this bridge. Three hundred and twenty trains, freight and passenger, cross this bridge every twenty-four hours or one every four and a half minutes. The portion on which the old bridge stood is now being used as a structure for old bridge before dismantling.

of the treasury department with a note saying it contained the ashes of the missing 600. An examination will be made and in the meantime "Watch your kidlings" is the motto of at least one New Hampshire household.

The President Exercises
President Wilson has been taking advantage of the fine weather of the past month to put in all possible time out of doors. As soon as breakfast is over each day the president and Mrs. Wilson start for the golf links and remain there until time for luncheon, going back and forth to the country club in one of the white House automobiles. In order to get in this daily practice the president has changed the cabinet meetings to "afternoon" and also has put off receiving senators and congressmen on any personal or official business till 2:30. Probably none of them has dared tell the president just what they think of the change but to others they don't hesitate to express their sentiment over being taken away from the capital at

RUBENSTEIN NAMES SON AFTER JUDGE LANDIS

LAWYER RECENTLY INVOLVED IN DIFFICULTIES WITH JUDGE CONSIDERS HE HAS ATONED

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Abraham Rubenstein, an attorney who recently has been involved in difficulties with Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis in the federal court, considers today that he has atoned. As a result of Rubenstein's act Judge Landis suspended him from federal practice, and held him to the grand jury on charges of perjury and conspiracy. Rubenstein, after being cited by the grand jury for contempt of court and ordered him to jail. The lawyer pleaded for mercy, saying he wished to be home as he was expecting an heir.

"Rubenstein," said Judge Landis, "I've let people off on all kinds of excuses. They have taken advantage of my sympathies. Now you make good on this excuse."

Yesterday a breathless Rubenstein rushed into the court room and attempted to push by several bailiffs.

"There's no reason for all this commotion," said a bailiff.

"There is, yes there is," shouted Rubenstein. "I've named him Kenesaw Mountain Landis Rubenstein."

"Say that name again," ordered the judge.

Rubenstein did. Judge Landis called for his hat and coat and adjourned court.

R. & M. IN MIDDLE

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Attorney Boyd B. Jones, counsel for the interests that secured a temporary receivership of the Boston & Maine railroad and new year. For the next three months he said the net surplus was \$2,046,975.

Attorney Conrad W. Crocker, representing minority stockholders who oppose the receivership, cross-examined the witness. The hearing adjourned until Tuesday forenoon.

Manicure and Toilet Sets—Ricard's

the business part of their daily sessions there. Since the establishment of the U. S. government all cabinet meetings have been in the forenoon until the recent change of hours established by President Wilson.

Gone to Far West

Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall have gone to the far west to spend the holidays, but he designated the assistant on the floor of the senate to act as host to a fine Christmas dinner for the senate pages. The dinner will be served in the senate restaurant and will be a perfect feast.

Official Washington Deserted

"Nobody Home" best describes the situation in official Washington this week. Scarcely a baker's dozen were left to answer to the call several days before the actual holiday recess began. The senators and congressmen seem to look forward to a holiday at home with as much zest as do the small children of the family. The holiday spirit is in the air and outgoing trains carry back home hundreds of legislators whose families will return with them for the rest of the year. Practically the entire Massachusetts delegation left this week but will return in ample time for the opening of the session January 2nd.

RICHARDS.

ONE KILLED AND FIVE INJURED IN WRECK

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 23.—One man was killed and five injured, three seriously, in a rear-end collision late yesterday between a work train and freight train in the West Springfield yards of the Boston & Albany railroad. The dead man was John C. Gilmore, fireman of the locomotive on the work train.

Gilmore was crushed between the cab and the tender. The damage to rolling stock was slight and the west-bound track was soon cleared. The eastbound track, on which the wreck occurred, was blocked for some hours.

The work train was carrying workmen from the West Springfield shops to the Springfield station. The engineer, Edwin L. Reed, a veteran in the service, is supposed to have had a clear signal on leaving the West Springfield yards. Just before coming to the west end of the bridge across the Connecticut river his locomotive crashed into a string of freight cars which was waiting on the bridge to pass through the Springfield station.

The seriously injured men, besides the engineer, were riding either on the platform or at the forward end of the first car of the work train.

Umbrellas—At Ricard's

MATRIMONIAL

Frederick N. Russell and Miss Mabel K. LaFlamme were married Wednesday at Notre Dame de Lourdes church by the pastor, Rev. Leon Lamotte, O. M. I. The witnesses were Joseph and Sidney LaFlamme, father and brother of the bride, respectively. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, 17 Burlington avenue. After a honeymoon trip the couple will make their home at 28 Burr street.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

Stationary Firemen

On Sunday, Dec. 24th, at 2:30 p. m., the regular meeting of Local 14, I. B. F. F., will be held at 32 Middle street. At this meeting the charter which was opened six months ago will probably be closed. All firemen sending in their applications at this meeting may come in at open charter rates. The election of officers will take place at this meeting. All firemen should attend and bring their due cards with them for renewal.

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first of the big evening receptions has already been held. It was in honor of the judiciary and first to greet the president and Mrs. Wilson was Chief Justice White, portly, jovial, and whose ruddy face was wreathed in broad smiles as he chatted with the president and Mrs. Wilson a moment before passing down the line. When the president and Mrs. Wilson passed down the main stairway, escorted by naval and military aides, and followed by the members of the cabinet and by the members of admiration rose from the onlookers, for certainly the White House bride of a year and a day was exceedingly attractive to look upon. Mrs. Wilson wore a beautiful gown of white satin with a shimmer of gold, and was both handsome and graceful. The rooms were decorated with colors best suited to the furnishings, and one room was of American beauty roses, one of pink roses, one with huge yellow chrysanthemums, and the state dining room berked with pansies and ferns. The Marine band in brilliant scarlet uniforms played and a buffet supper consisting of oysters, caviar, and all sorts of good things to eat and drink was served throughout the entire evening. The Wilsons are generous entertainers and the entertainments they offer lavish in the extreme. This year there will be an diplomatic reception and to avoid embarrassment the invi-

tations to the diplomats representing belligerent nations will be distributed that no social chain can result by their meeting on White House territory.

Ashes Very Valuable

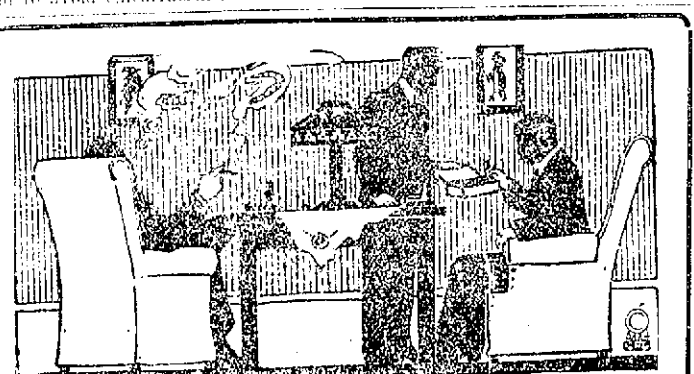
Over in the treasury department is a small box of ashes which the New Hampshire owner values at \$600. The head of the household, so the story runs, wanted to kindle a quick fire in the stove, as the evening was cold and the fire ran low. He picked up some old newspapers and a paper bag from the table in the sitting room and soon had a fine blaze going up the chimney. Then he came in looking for a paper bag she had left on the table. It was gone. Wife said bag contained \$600 in \$1 bills and that husband must have used it for kindling along with the newspapers. In a minute that room didn't need any more in the stove to take out the chill. Husband and wife were "hot" enough just by search and conversation. Yesterday a box of ashes reached

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ALLIES' REPLY TO GERMAN PEACE OFFER IS BEING DRAWN UP AT ROME

COMMISSIONER PUTNAM GIVES FIREMEN TEN PER CENT INCREASE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The eight hour day with straight pro rata time for overtime is granted to the switchmen's union by the federal arbitration board in a decision today in the switchmen's controversy with the railroads. The award affects about 3000 men.

The award gives an increase of 5 cents per hour for both foremen and helpers.

It was said here today on behalf of the switchmen that the switchmen's award was interpreted by them as "not giving an O. K. to the Adamson law."

The switchmen had asked an advance of 10 cents. They had demanded also time and a half pay for overtime work instead of the pro rata basis fixed by the board.

While all the six arbitrators signed the award, James B. Connors and W. A. Titus, representing the switchmen, dissented as to the five cent increase, to the denial of time and a half for overtime and the award giving overtime at the pro rata rate.

"This decision in the switchmen's controversy with railroads has an important bearing on the Adamson law," an official spokesman for the conference committee of managers of the railroads said today.

"It does not O. K. the Adamson act, in our opinion. The Adamson legislation gave the men 19 hours pay for eight hours of work, an increase of 25 per cent in wages. Today's award gives the switchmen only nine hours pay for eight hours of work, or between 13 and 16 per cent in increased wages. We get a great deal of satisfaction out of this award."

E. F. Potter and T. W. Evans, the railroad representatives, dissented to the award of the eight hour day.

Charles E. Howe, chairman of the board and Jeremiah W. Jenks the sixth member.

The award affects thirteen eastern railroads.

"Much emphasis has been laid upon the fact that the hours of work of the switchmen are often long," says a

statement by Arbitrators Howe and Jenks. Although the standard work day has been ten hours, frequently the men have worked from 10 to 12 and sometimes even some hours longer.

"One of the reasons urged for the shorter work day," continues the statement, "is that men need more time to visit with their families, to take recreation, and to secure the other advantages of leisure. A second argument is that the long hours result in physical exhaustion, often to a degree seriously injurious to health. The evidence shows clearly that, owing to the nature of the work, there are frequent opportunities for intervals of rest, and that the long hours testified to are due very largely—almost invariably, indeed—to delays caused by the interference of other trains and to similar reasons beyond the control of the railway managers or of the switchmen. During these delays the switchmen must usually be idle so that the long hours do not always imply excessive physical labor."

"Although it has seemed wise to award an 8-hour day as the standard minimum day, the overwhelming weight of testimony shows that the conditions of the various kinds of railway work are so different that only a trial can determine just how far eight hour shifts can be worked without prohibitory costs to the roads and undue disturbance of the work of their patrons."

"It seems to be clearly established that under existing conditions and probably under conditions of traffic less strenuous than the present, it will not be possible to make the actual working 8-hour day effective in the case of more than a small percentage of the switching crews, not more than 10 per cent during the first year. While, therefore, it is urged that the eight hour day be established, its introduction must be gradual. The percentage, therefore, of the switching crews that will be directly affected during the period of this award must of necessity be small. Most crews will work 16 hours or more."

"Moreover, owing to the increase in pay awarded to the switchmen, those who seriously desire to shorten their work day two hours for the purpose of employing the added hours of leisure in ways distinctly beneficial to themselves will be able to secure this leisure by the exercise of their seniority rights. Those who prefer the added wage will generally be able to secure that."

Discussing the increase in wages the statement says:

"The increase in pay awarded to switchmen imposes a heavy burden upon the railroads which, owing to the interstate commerce law, they are unable to transfer to the shippers and thence to the public. Owing to the peculiar legal situation of the railroads the board has thought that, since it is the duty of the properly constituted governmental authorities to protect the railway interests in this regard so far as is necessary, it has attempted to find a balance between the parties without giving any detailed consideration to the added cost to the railroads."

"The increase in wages has been most earnestly urged by the switchmen on account of the increased cost of living, the hazards of the employment, the hardships of the work. These points of course have all been recognized in the award."

Commissioner Newell F. Putnam stated this morning at his office at city hall that, commencing tomorrow, December 24th, the firemen of Lowell will receive a 10 per cent increase in their pay, and he announced also that he had appointed to the permanent force five call men, viz: Joseph E. Fontaine, Edward Landry, Berry M. Simpson, William J. Lane and Martin F. McNally. He has also appointed as fireman for the department, Arthur P. King.

Commissioner Putnam said: "In the matter of firemen's pay, Lowell has lagged behind as may be seen from the list of sixteen cities presented to the municipal council. Even with this increase we will be far from the head of the list. The men richly deserve the raise and there is enough in my present appropriation to pay them for the remainder of the year. It will be slightly over \$200. With the appointments that I have announced this morning there will be 137 men in the department."

Joseph E. Fontaine will be assigned to truck 4, West Sixth street; Edward Landry, hose 12, West Sixth street; Berry M. Simpson, hose 12, West Sixth street; William J. Lane, hose 7, Central street and Martin F. McNally, hose 11, Lawrence street. All have served as call men for the required time and though the appointments are made subject to the approval of the civil service commission, Mr. Putnam does not anticipate any trouble. Arthur P. King who has been appointed fireman will have to get on the civil service list and must apply for examination.

Messrs Fontaine and Landry were appointed as permanent men by Alderman Barrett in 1915 and served for a short time. Later, Commissioner Carmichael was notified by the civil service commission that they were not eligible for the position, neither having served five years as call men. The average age of the five men is 41. Mr. Joseph Fontaine the youngest being 34 and Berry M. Simpson being 48. Arthur P. King is under 30.

Before the increase the firemen of Lowell received \$1095, but commencing tomorrow their pay will be \$1204.50.

NO SUN MONDAY

Monday being Christmas day, The Sun will suspend publication of all editions. Tuesday's Sun will have a full account of the holiday news.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 10.20 p. m. (Delayed)—The report was discussed today that the reply of the entente allies to the peace proposals of the central powers was being drawn up at Rome, whence it would be forwarded to Germany. All the allies, even the smallest belligerents, will be signatories.

It is understood the communication will point to the speeches of Lloyd George and French, Russian and Italian statesmen as setting forth the position of the allies.

The reply to President Wilson's note already has been considered by the British cabinet. The impression is given that the note will not deflect the government in any way from its plans for prosecuting the war.

Mr. Lloyd George is said to be very enthusiastic over the progress already made by the new cabinet in framing the measures decided upon. The premier has almost entirely regained his health and is spending all his time at work. His family has gone to his home for Christmas.

The Rev. Sir William Robertson, Nicoll, veteran editor of the British Weekly, and a prominent non-conformist, said to the Associated Press today:

"I have met a great many people at the clubs today, and there was only one opinion, that is, that on the surface President Wilson's action appears unfriendly. But everybody believes there are facts known to him and not known to us which explain his conduct. All are agreed as to the necessity of patience and the use of temperate language. Our terms have been stated by Lloyd George."

LARCENY CASES IN THE POLICE COURT

A brief special meeting was held by the municipal council this morning and after the transaction of a few items of relatively unimportant business the council adjourned until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Mayor O'Donnell presided at the meeting and

PRES. WILSON'S NOTE STILL DOMINATING FEATURE OF NEWS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The American note to the belligerent nations still is the dominating feature of the news in Great Britain today. Virtually all the newspapers continue to devote leading articles to the note, while British, French, German, and other comment is prominently displayed under such headings as "Lansing's Verge of War Blunder," "The Share of Peace" and "Wilson's Mistake."

So far as Great Britain is concerned the press says that President Wilson already has been answered by Premier

Albert Caisse was before Judge Enright in police court this forenoon charged with attempting to commit larceny on November 24th last from the property of Felix Verloove. He pleaded guilty. The occupants of the

BEST SKATING EVER AT SHEDD PARK

The park department reports that there is splendid skating surface at Shedd park, and fine skating is anticipated for Sunday and Christmas day. The polling booth which was meant for a shelter has been put up with a stove going, and it is expected that the patrons of the pond will avail of the innovation to the full.

SKATING ON THE RIVER

Many people enjoyed the skating on the Merrimack river above the Haymarket falls this afternoon. The heavy rain and the cold snap made good skating and hundreds spent a very pleasant afternoon. The commission for the protection of waterways has placed in the middle of the river several standards to which are attached a life buoy and rope. The standards are placed in the centre of the river several hundred feet apart and are located between the falls and the end of the icehouses. In addition to the standards there are several sets of apparatus containing a ladder, pole hook, life buoy and ropes on both banks of the river.

EARTH QUAKE SHOCK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A slight earthquake lasting from 4.35 until after 5 o'clock was registered today on the seismograph at Georgetown. Apparently it was about 4000 miles distant.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Halph H. Bennett, formerly of this city and now of Jersey City, N. J., where he is employed as an engineer for a large contracting firm, is spending the holidays with his parents in Varney street. Mr. Bennett is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

TO REMOVE GEN. GONZALES

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 23.—It was reported here today that Gen. Francisco Gonzales was to be removed as military commander of the northern force and that Gen. Murguía's brother would succeed him in command of the border troops.

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BRITISH PEOPLE WANT PEACE SAYS HALDANE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Viscount Haldane, in a speech at Westminster, referred briefly to President Wilson's note. He said the British people intensely desired peace and in that respect were in profound sympathy with the president.

"I think," he said, "that we are not the only nation that desires peace deeply. When Germany went into the war she reckoned on her magnificent con-

trolled and magnificently organized armies to accomplish their purpose within a few months at the longest. She has been bitterly disappointed and today the international situation is put before us in a way which makes it imperative that we should be careful about what we wish and what we need. What we must insist upon is a settlement and a peace which will contain within themselves the elements of agreement and of security for the permanent peace. When that is secured it may be found to entail consequences which go very far. Questions of detail may be much less difficult when the foundation has been well and truly laid. Until that foundation of principle has been attained it is difficult to speak."

W. P. Murray, president of New Zealand, speaking at Hornchurch, said:

"It is our duty to go on until the power of Germany is broken and her armies driven back over their own border. Then will be the time for peace. I would like that the president of the United States be told firmly that we have carried on the war thus far without his assistance and so intend to carry it on to the end."

Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the exchequer, speaking at Pontypool, closed with these words:

"When that is secured the news of the morning thought it would not be becoming in me to express an opinion on the American note. We have made war in conjunction with our allies and in conjunction with them only can we consider overtures or proposals of any kind. Until there has been an interchange of views between the responsible governments I think it would be most prudent to refrain from any expression of opinion upon the situation thus created."

Italy Gets Note

ROME, Dec. 23, via Paris, 11.35 a. m.—Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador at Rome today handed to Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, a note from the United States.

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The Protestant churches throughout the city, with the exception of the Episcopal churches, which will commemorate the occasion on Monday, will have special musical programs tomorrow. The programs for some of the churches follow:

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
10.30 a. m.
Organ Prelude, Jubilate Deo, Silver Processional, Little Town of Bethlehem Junior chorus
Good Tidings
Behold I Bring... Caleb Semper Adult Chorus
The Heavens Declare the Glory of God A. W. Marchant
Adult Chorus
Postlude, Hallelujah Chorus... Handel
6.30 p. m.
Organ recital
Alleluia Cantabile from Fifth Symphony... Whiting
Alleluia... 6.30 p. m.
A cantata, The Star of the East, J. S. Pearce
Offertory, Pastoral... Gullman
Postlude, Grand chorus... Gullman

FIRST BAPTIST
Morning Service, 10.30
Sermon, "The Bethlehem Stars That Still Shine"
Music:
Chorus, And the Glory of the Lord, from the Messiah
Carol anthem, O Little Town of Bethlehem... Burdett
Chorus, Vision of the Shepherds (from the Messiah)
Cantata, The Manger Throne
Evening, Organ Recital, 6 o'clock
Music:
Chorus, And There Were Shepherds... Wilson
Quartet, The Heavenly Lullaby Adams
Sermon, "Mary, the Mother of Our Lord"
Hallelujah Chorus (from the Messiah)

GRACE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
10.30 a. m.
Sermon, "Midnight and Morning"
Music:
Organ voluntary, March of the Mazi Kings
Anthem, While Shepherds Watched
Response, He Shall Feed His Flock from the Messiah... Handel
Anthem, And the Angel Said Unto Them
Anthem, Glory to God... Nevins
Organ Postlude, Hallelujah Chorus... Handel
Evening
Cantata, The Light Eternal... Petric
Regular quartet assisted by large chorus choir.

FIRST TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL
10.30 A. M. CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Processional
Junior Vested Choir
Anthem, Through the Portals... Lacey
Cantata, The Light of the World, Schnecker
Senior Choir
Violin solo, Frank J. Deignan
Exercises by elementary departments of Sunday school.
Pastor's message, "Christ and the Crowded Inn"
12 m.—Regular Sunday school session Baraca men's class in annex.
6.30 P. M.
Christmas dialog and concert.
Wednesday, 7.45—Annual meeting of church.
P. W. Edmunds, musical director.
W. W. Coburn, organist.
Frank J. Deignan, violinist.

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Invocation
Anthem, The Christmas Song, with violin obligato... Ira B. Wilson
Solo by Miss Alice A. Scoble
Psalm 111, Hymn 79, Christians Awake, Prayer
Anthem, Unto Us a Child is Born, Ira B. Wilson
Scripture, Announcements
Hymn 51, Hallelujah and Best of the Sons of the Morning
Sermon, Rev. N. W. Matthews
Anthem, My Faith Looks Up to Thee, E. S. Lorenz
Solo by Mr. Fred Potter
Offertory, "Offertory" Frank Lynes
Hymn 51, Mark the Herald Angels Sing
Postlude, Festival March... G. V. Plagier
EVENING, 8.30
Prelude, Chorus of Angels... S. Clark
Anthem, Holy Night Divine, Carrie B. Adams
Solo by Miss Esther Atkinson
Anthem, Peace on Earth, E. S. Lorenz
Solo by Miss Martha Matthews
Sunday school Christmas concert.
Recitations, solos, etc. by members of the school.
Offertory, Cantique De Noel... Ad. Adams
Postlude, "Postlude" Alex. Gullman
Chorus choir of 30 voices, Violinists, Mezzos, Joseph E. Fielding and Graham Pascall, Leader, Mr. Joseph Fielding; organist, Mr. Charles Pierce.

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
Morning Service at 10.45 a. m.
Organ Prelude, Offertory in E, Baptiste Anthem, Come Near, Ye Nations, Watson
Duet, O Little Town of Bethlehem
Soprano and Alto
Anthem, While Shepherds Watched, Harris
Postlude, Offertory in F... Wey

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
10.30 a. m.
Sermon, "What Christmas Teaches"
The following elaborate musical program:
Organ Prelude with violin, Saint-Saens
There Shall Come a Star Out of Jacob, Frey
Salvation Comes Today... Berch
The Angels Sing... Dressler
(With violin obligato)
So Silently the Stars Look Down, Spence
Response, Christmas, Blessed Christmas Dinmore
Offertory, Meditation, violin, Perilow
Choir, Mrs. Winifred Symonds, soprano; Mrs. Nettie L. Roberts, contralto; Fred Booth, tenor; Harry Needham, bass; assisted by Mrs. Katherine Wings, violinist; Mrs. Helen C. Taylor, organist and director.
Her Engagement Ring is at Ricard's.

LES DARCY, AUSTRALIAN BOXER, IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight, arrived here today after an adventurous two months' voyage from the Antipodes and will be signed to meet Georges Carpentier, the French heavyweight, Jack Dillon or Billy Nishe within the next 24 hours for his American ring debut.
Darcy, who is accompanied by G. J. O'Sullivan in the capacity of manager and trainer, reported that he was ready after a reasonable period of training to box any opponent who might be selected to meet him. He stated that he had kept in moderately good condition by working aboard ship during the long trip and had gained slightly in weight.
Cuff Links, Stuck Pins—At Ricard's.



HOW LEWIS GUN IS CARRIED FORWARD BY TROOPS—MAN WITH CAP IS COL. DOOLEY
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There were two good attractions at the demonstration of the Lewis gun at the plant of the United States Cartridge Co., in South Lowell, yesterday afternoon. The attractions were the demonstrator and the gun.
The demonstrator was Col. J. J. Dooley, a former employee of the Cartridge Co., and one of the greatest gun and ammunition experts in the country. He knows the Lewis gun from start to finish and his demonstration of this wonderful piece of ordnance was interesting in the extreme. It was, as Police Chief Martin Conway afterwards remarked, "A case of a good gun and a good demonstrator."
The demonstration was witnessed by members of the Lowell Business men's battalion, newspapermen, Lowell friends of the popular colonel and a few from out of town. The demonstration was within doors and Col. Dooley told Supt. Cahill that he would come again in the spring and give a public demonstration in the open. The simplicity of operation and the wonderful speed and accuracy of the gun are included in the features that make for its success. And it isn't the least bit tussy; either, as to the condition of cartridges for it disposed of some that Col. Dooley had operated on with a hammer with as much ease as it did the perfect cartridge.
The great interest in this gun, outside of its fire-eating and death-dealing propensities, is the fact that the inventor, Col. Isaac Newton Lewis, for 35 years a distinguished officer in the United States army, offered it gratis to the United States and his offer met with flat refusal. The cause of the rejection has not yet been made plain.
British Grabbed It
Later on the gun was given a demonstration in England and the British realized its worth and acquired it immediately. The most effective machine gun in use by the allied armies in the great war in Europe is by unanimous judgment there the Lewis gun and today more than 30,000 of these twenty-six pound rapid firers are in use by the British in France and during the battle of the Somme they were functioning at the estimated rate of 15,000,000 rounds every twenty-four hours.
Since the war began the number of rounds fired by the British from Lewis guns is estimated at between 5,000,000 and 7,000,000. It is the only machine gun used in the British first line. Lord Hugh Cecil speaking in the house of commons, recently referred to it as "a weapon that is the envy of all Europe." This opinion is endorsed by General von Douap, the British chief of ordnance and by the supreme field commanders of the allied forces in France. For many months the Germans have been making frantic efforts to duplicate the gun for use in their own armies.
Row Will Be Altered
Members of the militia affairs committees of the senate and the house, among whom there is much dissatisfaction with the war department decision rejecting the Lewis machine gun as part of the equipment of the mobile army, will probably have an airing of the entire controversy in connection with the army appropriation bill.
The first step will probably be taken by the house committee on military affairs. Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance, has been asked to appear to explain the departmental estimates for ordnance. The committee says it will be questioned concerning the unfavorable attitude of the department toward the Lewis gun, which has been adopted by foreign armies in preference to other types.
Secretary Baker, who will appear before the committee will probably also be quizzed concerning the rejection of the gun.
Members of the senate committee suggest that there appears to be an air of mystery about the controversy and intimate that the department will be called on for an explanation. There is a feeling that there is something back of the whole matter and that army jealousy has entered into it, which Secretary Baker is trying to cover up. The whole question of the department attitude toward inventors is likely to receive attention.

Making Lewis Guns
Col. Dooley stated yesterday that 1000 Lewis guns are being turned out every week in England and that 500 a week are being made in the United States.
The Lewis gun is not by any means a formidable looking weapon, as machine guns go, and Col. Dooley confesses it is an easy matter to demonstrate it because of the fact that the gun "speaks for itself." The writer and others were invited to fire

the gun and all were glad of the opportunity. The first thing tendered the spectators as they entered the "shooting room" was a wad of cotton with which to plug their ears when the "man killer" started to bark. The gun will carry a distance of 5000 yards and will shoot to kill at that distance. Col. Dooley put the gun through all the paces yesterday and used hundreds of cartridges.
There were questions asked concerning the wear of the gun and Col. Dooley said the barrel of the gun needed renewal after 15,000 discharges, but while the cost of the gun is \$1000, he said the expense of the barrel is trivial. The gun is operated the same as any ordinary gun, by simply putting hand on guard and trigger and for that reason would not fall into the enemy's hands.
The magazine, a circular metal case containing about 50 cartridges is placed on a pivot over the trigger and the magazine is emptied in less time than it takes to tell about it. The barrel never gets hot and there never is any trouble from heat expansion.
Another very important feature of the gun is the facility with which it can be moved about. The gun weighs 25 pounds and while it is necessary at times to abandon heavier guns, the Lewis gun can be carried away and for that reason would not fall into the enemy's hands.

The reception committee at the demonstration consisted of General Superintendent Gerald Cahill, Assistant Superintendent William J. Robinson, superintendent of the South Lowell plant, Jordan Horton, superintendent of the commercial department, C. C. Sibley, Assistant Chemist, Edward Burns, Walter Conners, secretary to Capt. Dec. Publicity Representative John P. Kenney and Chief of Police Martin Conway.

LARCENY CASES

Continued

Verloove home in West Centralville work in local factories and the house is vacant all day. On the noon of November 24th the door was locked as usual and when one of the family returned home in the evening, Calise was found in the house. He departed promptly without taking any articles but the bureau drawers, closets, etc., had been ransacked. Calise, who claims to partially own the property which the complainant occupies, said that he has been working out of town and came home last evening to spend Christmas. He told the court that he had been drinking previous to the day he entered the house and did not remember any of the details. The case was continued until Tuesday, bail being fixed at \$200.

Larceny of Brass
Harold E. Fraser pleaded guilty of a charge of larceny of 20 pounds of brass valued at 20 cents a pound from the Lamson Consolidated Store Service company. Patrolman Michael O'Neill met Fraser struggling along yesterday under the weight of the brass wrapped in a burlap bag. The defendant could give no satisfactory explanation as to how he came into possession of the brass and he was taken to headquarters. He immediately admitted the theft, saying that he

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worked at the Lamson factory and picked the brass from the scrap pile. Counsel for Fraser attempted to have the case disposed of so that he could spend Christmas with his family. Fraser, who is but 22 years of age, has a lengthy record and appealed from two sentences in the local police court within a year. He is in the care of Probation Officer Ramsay of the superior court at the present time and his case was continued until Tuesday, when Mr. Ramsay will report.

Assault and Battery

The case of Joseph Therrier, who was arrested early in the week accused of assault and battery on an eight year old girl, was recommenced this forenoon. The girl is still in the hospital.
The case of Jas. Dragatzis, charged with assault with a knife, was placed on file after civil settlement had been entered.

Statuary at Low Prices—Ricard's

DICTATE FOOD POLICES OF WARRING NATIONS

To the three men shown in the picture—top to bottom, Joseph Thierry, Adolf von Batocki and Lord Devonport—France, Germany and Great Britain respectively, have entrusted the management of the food problem. It is their



Top to Bottom: THIERRY, VON BATOCKI, LORD DEVONPORT

GENERAL MANGIN, LEADER OF ATTACK WHICH REWON FOR DOUAMONT



General MANGIN

The picture shows the victor of Fort Douaumont, General Mangin, who commanded the infantry attack in the great French offensive at Verdun. General Mangin played a great part in the French success before Verdun. He was entrusted by General Pétain with the command of the infantry attack. Under him, besides reserves, were three divisions, comprising men from various parts of France, a colonial contingent and a battalion of Senegalese. The recapture of Fort Douaumont was the great achievement of the day. General Mangin has been commander of colonial troops in the French army.

the vote of the city council to lease the land owned by the Locks and Canals instead of purchasing. The latter was referred to the city solicitor.
Mayor O'Donnell reported favorably on the inquiry of the secretary of the commerce with as to the request for information relative to the membership of the Lowell Suburban Dairy association. He made it in the form of a motion and the information will be sent to the secretary of the commerce.
A claim for \$1250 for alleged damage to property was presented by Charles F. Young against the waterworks department and it was referred to Commissioner Putnam.
Commissioner Putnam introduced a requisition for two cars of the roadster type for the district fire chiefs with specifications, but no action was taken on the matter.
The meeting then adjourned until Tuesday at 10 a. m.

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CITY HALL NEWS

Continued

Commissioners Morse, Donnelly and Putnam were present.

A communication was received from George W. Morrison relative to the proposed purchase of two autos for the district fire chiefs. It was referred to Commissioner Putnam.

A communication was received from W. T. S. Russell relative to the ownership of the river banks at Pawtucketville. This was in consequence of

HOUSE BLANKET AND OVERCOAT test Saturday on Newhall or Chambers etc. Finder telephone 2341-M.

WANTS PROBE OF "TIP" ON THE PEACE NOTE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Representative Will R. Wood of Indiana, a republican, introduced a resolution in the house yesterday calling for an investigation by a committee of five members into reports that large sums had been made on short sales of stock in Wall street in advance of the president's peace message by men who covered yesterday.

Rumors of Big Pool
"I will uncover the facts about the stock speculation that has hung upon the president's peace message, or I will fix the responsibility for blocking such an investigation," said Mr. Wood yesterday.

Rumors of the big speculative pool having cleared up a fortune on the peace move have stirred up a lot of congressmen, and it is likely that the Wood resolution will receive consideration and support, not only from republicans, but from some of the democrats.

The resolution in full is as follows: "Resolved, That a committee of five republicans be appointed by the speaker of the house to investigate and make report as to whether or not anyone high in the general affairs of the United States or any relative of anyone high in the general affairs of the United States has profited financially either directly or indirectly by the fluctuations of the stock market occurring on Thursday, Dec. 21, 1916, following the two contradictory interpretations given to the public from the office of the secretary of state concerning the note of the president of the United States dated Dec. 21, 1916, to the belligerent powers."

Secretary of State Lansing, when he heard of the movement in the house yesterday afternoon, said he would welcome such an investigation and hoped that the resolution would pass.

Brokers' Name Mentioned
Referring to the stories printed in New York on the rumors that were going around in Wall street, one newspaper even going so far as to mention a broker's name who was one of the large contributors to the democratic campaign, said: "If these ugly stories have no foundation it is due to all concerned that the fact be determined. We ought to clear up the matter."

Mr. Wood said that he did not expect any action on his resolution until after the holidays. He said that if some of the stories he heard were correct even diplomats had made money on short sales. It would seem, he said, that in such delicate matters involving the peace of the world speculators ought to keep a reasonable distance away.

There was considerable excitement yesterday over the Wood resolution, as it was regarded as the possible means of bringing to a head some ugly rumors that have been in circulation regarding leaks. On several occasions nervous seeking information about suits or moves by the administration likely to affect values in Wall street have found that brokers knew

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There's a little lady who's cheerfully stood at the post in front of this store through frigid cold and snow or rain. A bit of your change dropped in her "chimney" will help along a most worthy cause and your Christmas will be all the happier for so doing.

MAN RESISTS GUNMAN SHOT BUT SAVED ROLL

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—A gunman, aided to escape by persons believed to have been confederates, late yesterday afternoon attempted with an automatic pistol to hold up J. Clifford Reynolds of 13 Thorpe street, Somerville, a collector, as he was about to enter a store at 277 Main street, Charlestown. The man got no money.

Reynolds, who had hundreds of dollars in his possession belonging to his employers, put up a fight, and was shot in the calf of the left leg by one of three bullets fired by the gunman, who became angered when Reynolds resisted.

Reynolds, engaged in making collections, was about to enter the store about 6:10 o'clock, when a stranger stopped him and asked him to step into the nearby alley, known as Hawthorne place.

Reynolds demurred. The man drew his pistol and again directed Reynolds to go into the alley way. Reynolds resisted him and started for the entrance to the store. As he did so the gunman fired three shots at Reynolds, one of them taking effect in the leg and the others going wild.

Reynolds fell to the sidewalk. The gunman rushed up the street, followed by a throng of men that quickly formed at the sound of the pistol shots. The pursuit of the fleeing man was blocked by three young men, who with threats and jolts stopped many from seizing the running gunman.

The robber rushed into Hawthorne place, entered a four-apartment house and running through the hallway entered the yard in the rear. Here he leaved over a fence and with the aid of his confederates, who were blocking the way of his pursuers, he was soon lost to view.

The holdup man is described as being between 25 and 30 years of age; 5 feet 9 inches tall; about 150 pounds in weight; of medium complexion, smooth face, with dark Scotch cap and a dark coat. Reynolds was taken to the Relief station.

NEWSPAPER ROW VERY HOT IN AUSTRIA

"Concordia," a journalistic association of Crona, consisting of German-writing newspapermen of Bohemia, Salzburg and Tyrol, has involved itself in a bitter controversy, and in doing so is throwing some interesting side lights on the newspaper situation in Austria by charging that a definite effort is being made to assemble the press of Vienna in a gigantic trust.

Privy Councillor Sieghart of one of the largest of the Vienna banks is the man the "Concordia" is fighting, and the journals claim he is not content with controlling a large part of the Vienna papers, is now trying to extend his sphere of influence to Bohemia and the Tyrol. The control is being exerted, they claim, through the banks and they want the new government to take a hand in the interests of a free and independent press.

Privy Councillor Sieghart, when the attack on him opened, defended himself vigorously and in a communication to the Koerber ministry declared, first, that he is not an owner of a large part of the Vienna press; second, that he has no intentions on the press of Bohemia and the Tyrol, and thirdly, that he never had any intention to create a newspaper trust.

"Concordia" returned to the attack with another communication to Koerber, in which the association declared that Councillor Sieghart controlled the Vienna "Freundeblatt" and its adjuncts; the "Military Press," the "Volksblatt," the "Neue Zeitung," the "Illustrirte Wiener Extrablatt," the "Neue Wiener Tagblatt," the Austrian "Volkszeitung" and the Vienna "Achtuhr Abendblatt."

As to Bohemia and the Tyrol "Concordia" enumerated the purchase of control through Sieghart bank of one Prague daily paper and seven provincial papers, which are financially bound up with many others in Salzburg, the Tyrol and Upper Austria.

Communication sent to Koerber's.

REPORT OF BIRTHS

- 2.—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Scrimm of 20 South st., a daughter.
- 3.—To Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. Cleveland of 16 West Adams st., a daughter.
- 4.—To Mr. and Mrs. Jose Maria Aguilar of 41 Shaw st., a daughter.
- 5.—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arnold of 21 Davidson street a son.
- 6.—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Methey of 23 Worth st., a daughter.
- 7.—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saville of 31 Church st., a daughter.
- 8.—To Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Mitchell of 1 Colburn place, a daughter.
- 9.—To Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kazarian of 25 Elm st., a daughter.
- 10.—To Mr. and Mrs. Henri Thellien of 52 Carolyn st., a daughter.
- 11.—To Mr. and Mrs. James O'Hallahan of 53 Colonial ave., a son.
- 12.—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Folds of 20 Davis st., a daughter.
- 13.—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burns of 200 Pleasant st., a son.
- 14.—To Mr. and Mrs. James J. Aron of 124 N. Hope st., a son.
- 15.—To Mr. and Mrs. Minondan Lough of 165 Ludlum st., a daughter.
- 16.—To Mr. and Mrs. George Labranche of 13 Common st., a daughter.
- 17.—To Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Mazkotski of 504 Central st., a son.
- 18.—To Mr. and Mrs. William J. D. Bell of 124 N. Hope st., a son.
- 19.—To Mr. and Mrs. John C. Povey of 55 May st., a daughter.
- 20.—To Mr. and Mrs. George M. Morrell of 21 Moore st., a son.
- 21.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Bonella of 42 East Merrimack st., a son.
- 22.—To Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hines of 153 Market st., a daughter.
- 23.—To Mr. and Mrs. James P. Boland of 50 East Adams st., a son.
- 24.—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Connel of 175 Liberty st., a daughter.
- 25.—To Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander of 129 Suffolk st., a daughter.
- 26.—To Mr. and Mrs. William Walsh of 8 Everett st., a son.
- 27.—To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Prabita of 29 Frost st., a son.
- 28.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Simons of 16 Union st., a son.
- 29.—To Mr. and Mrs. Pierre LeBlanc of 36 White st., a daughter.
- 30.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Sullivan of 23 South Walker st., a daughter.
- 31.—To Mr. and Mrs. George Belida of 409 Central st., a son.
- 32.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Reidy of 28 Sprague st., a daughter.
- 33.—To Mr. and Mrs. William A. MacIntyre of 101 Norcross st., a daughter.
- 34.—To Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Grandemaison of 326 Fletcher st., a daughter.
- 35.—To Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Corriev of 60 Pine st., a son.
- 36.—To Mr. and Mrs. James Spanos of 57 Cheever st., a son.
- 37.—To Mr. and Mrs. John K. Magan of 189 Suffolk st., a daughter.
- 38.—To Mr. and Mrs. James Davies of 82 Third st., a daughter.
- 39.—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Michon of 136 Pleasant st., a daughter.
- 40.—To Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Daly of 78 Rock st., a son.
- 41.—To Mr. and Mrs. William C. Farrell of 48 Forrest st., a son.
- 42.—To Mr. and Mrs. George Teynolds of 60 Congress st., a son.
- 43.—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Poirer of 755 Allen st., a daughter.
- 44.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Samaras of 63 Haverhill st., a son.
- 45.—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paquette of 132 Merrimack st., a daughter.
- 46.—To Mr. and Mrs. Kazimierz Ruso of 2 South st., a son.
- 47.—To Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Rody of 431 Lakeview ave., a daughter.
- 48.—To Mr. and Mrs. Emil Meunier of 6 Fulton st., a daughter.
- 49.—To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kottits of 39 Suffolk street, a daughter.
- 50.—To Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson of 34 Gorton st., a son.
- 51.—To Mr. and Mrs. Jan Zurawski of 701 Merrimack st., a daughter.
- 52.—To Mr. and Mrs. Josef Andrzejewski of 2 Bertha ave., a son.
- 53.—To Mr. and Mrs. Israel Gervais of 463 Moody st., a daughter.
- 54.—To Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Anthony of 161 Concord st., a son.
- 55.—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Crowe of 56 Fulton st., a daughter.
- 56.—To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Hawes of 87 Westford st., a daughter.
- 57.—To Mr. and Mrs. Antoni Kijonka of 332 Adams st., a son.
- 58.—To Mr. and Mrs. Alex Marion of 111 st., a daughter.
- 59.—To Mr. and Mrs. William Christie of 53 Shaw st., a daughter.
- 60.—To Mr. and Mrs. Vasilius Kafantanos of 254 Market st., a daughter.
- 61.—To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Rovers of 130 Wood st., a daughter.
- 62.—To Mr. and Mrs. John McManus of 50 Barrett st., a son.
- 63.—To Mr. and Mrs. Phillip LaVallee of 158 Faneuil st., a son.
- 64.—To Mr. and Mrs. Walenty Lodepka of 55 Front st., a son.
- 65.—To Mr. and Mrs. Rolly Wilkins of 47 Walker st., a son.
- 66.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Sanford Keep of 14 First st., a son.
- 67.—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Lampron of 121 Gresham ave., a daughter.

ARMORY NOTES

The members of Company K, Sixth Infantry, M.V.M., who attended the gun reduction drills were paid off last evening at the armory and the sum of \$400 was distributed among them. A special effort was made to finish these drills before Christmas, in order to secure the money for distribution at this time.

WOMAN BRAVES FLAMES AND SAVES BABY

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Francis Carroll, the four-year-old son of John Carroll of 195 Broadway, Somerville, was rescued from suffocation by smoke early last evening by Miss Elizabeth Mahoney, 25 years old, of 25 Fiske avenue, Somerville. The young woman was visiting in the Carroll home when a fire was discovered there and she rushed through smoke and flames to an upstairs bedroom, snatched the baby from his bed and carried him to safety.

The fire, starting from unknown cause, in a room adjoining the young man's sleeping room, quickly filled the upper part of the dwelling with smoke, threatening the life of little Francis Mahoney, whose home is near the Carroll house, frequently saves for the Carroll children and was in a first floor room.

When a call of fire reached her from persons outside the house she rushed to the rescue of the children upstairs without stopping to consider the danger to herself. George Carroll, aged 6, had made his way down the stairs. Little Francis was asleep in bed.

THE PROPER SPIRIT

Santa Claus made a premature visit to the W. J. Barry Shoe Co. in Stockpile street yesterday afternoon. Martin Wrenn, in behalf of the employees presented George White, foreman of the cutting room, a beautiful leather upholstered rocker. The employees of Vung Ducette, foreman of the stitching room, presented him a beautiful shaving set. Miss Beatrice Duprey making the presentation. Albert Copp, machine of the stitching room, was given a smoking set. Prior to the presentations a luncheon was enjoyed and the floors of the cutting and stitching rooms were cleared for dancing. Music was furnished by an orchestra hired by the company. The employees who had charge of the dance were: Jos. Scappapant, floor director; Mrs. Julia Kennedy, assistant floor director; Joseph Gauthier, chief aid, and Walter Quinn, Arthur Arvella, Albert Smith and Harold Davis, aids.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Elgite lodge, N.E.O.P., was held last night in Vertias hall, Branch street. There was a large attendance and considerable routine business was transacted. The

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The members of Court No. 10, Dumas, Veterans of America, met in regular session last night in Gratton hall, 541 Chief of Police O'Donnell building. An election of officers was held and the following were chosen: chief ranger, Francis Murphy; sub chief ranger, Henry O'Donnell; treasurer, Hector Gill; financial secretary, Stephen Brown; recording secretary, Joseph A. Loran; senior warden, Michael Sheehan; junior warden, Michael Barry; senior head, Arthur B. Boush; junior head, Eugene Bolger; lecturer, William J. Hartley; physician, Dr. Fred Murphy; trustee for three years, Hon. Dennis J. Murphy. Following the meeting, a social hour was enjoyed.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

RAILROAD LEGISLATION WAS NOT TOUCHED BY EITHER BRANCH—REVIEW OF WORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Congress adjourned yesterday for the Christmas holidays to reconvene Jan. 2. In the three weeks of the session the house passed five government supply measures, the urgent deficiency legislative, Indian, District of Columbia, and diplomatic and consular appropriation bills, more than ever passed in the brief period preceding a holiday recess. One of these bills, the urgent deficiency bill, has passed the senate.

The railroad legislation suggested by President Wilson failed to get much action in either branch. The house-commerce committee decided to await initiative action in the senate, where, beginning Jan. 2, the senate-commerce committee will hold hearings on the proposed railroad appropriation measure and the bill authorizing the president to take over the railroad, telephone and telegraph lines on case of military necessity.

APPEALS TO PRESIDENT WILSON TO STOP WAR

NOTED BRITISH PACIFIST SAYS IT IS WITHIN PRESIDENT'S POWER TO BRING PEACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A special committee of the American neutral conference committee left here early today for Washington to present to President Wilson a letter from Bertrand Russell, the noted British pacifist, lecturer and philosopher, appealing to the president to end the war in Europe. The committee consists of George Foster Peabody, Paul U. Kellogg, and Miss Emily Greene Balch.

The letter was brought to this country by a confidential messenger from England, a gift, in order to evade the British censor. After asserting that the president now has an opportunity of performing a signal service to mankind, "surpassing the service of Abraham Lincoln," Mr. Russell states that it is within the

WAR STOCKS TUMBLE ON BERLIN BOURSE

BERLIN, Dec. 22, via London, Dec. 22.—The Berlin Bourse today followed the example of the New York stock exchange on the receipt of the news of President Wilson's note, and "war stocks" were offered with unaccustomed freedom at falling prices while the so-called peace stocks were strengthened all along the line.

American exchange which last week reached the unprecedented high water mark of 574 and which had fallen gradually to 562 as German exchange on New York rose, fell a solid 10 points. Shipping stocks were particularly lively and strong, followed closely by potash, cement and bank stocks. Japanese, Canadian, American and Swiss paper was offered, but found no buyers while Russian consols had a good market.

GERMAN LINER FLOATED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A Copenhagen despatch to Reuters says that the South German Lloyd liner Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, which was stranded

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HONOR MEMORY OF CURTIS GUILD

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The memory of Curtis Guild, late governor of Massachusetts and ambassador to Russia, was perpetuated yesterday by the citizenry of his native city and native state in lasting memorials to the state house which were dedicated at the state house.

With impressive ceremony, marked by warm words of appreciation spoken by the orators of the occasion, the Guild steps leading off the common from the Beacon street mall and the Guild tablet inside the state house itself were presented to the city and the state by the Guild Memorial association. The two memorials were made possible by funds subscribed by hundreds of friends of the former governor.

Memorial Tablet

The inscription on the Guild memorial tablet in the state house which was dedicated yesterday is as follows:

CURTIS GUILD
1880-1915

Citizen of Boston. A soldier in the war with Spain. Lieutenant Governor and Governor of the Commonwealth. Special ambassador to Mexico and ambassador to Russia. True servant of Massachusetts and of the United States.

Dignitaries of church and state, high city officials, representatives of the state government and hundreds of citizens participated in the exercises. Governor McCall, Cardinal O'Connell, Mayor Curley, Russian Consul Joseph A. Conry and other notables were members of the dedicatory party. Despite the rain and despite the hurried holiday season, hundreds halted for two hours to pay the tribute of appreciation to Curtis Guild, one of

Massachusetts' most beloved sons. The widow of the late governor and ambassador witnessed the ceremony in honor of his memory, placing a beautiful wreath of lilacs of the valley white orchids and greenery at the base of the memorial tablet as her own silent tribute.

Owing to the rain, the dedicatory exercises which were to have been held at the memorial steps at the Joy street entrance to the common, were held in connection with those inside the state house, where the tablet was unveiled. There, the rotunda on the second floor had been decorated with garlands of laurel and evergreen. The memorial tablet in the west wall just outside the Hall of Flags, which commemorates the late governor's achievements, was draped with the national colors, set off with the white emblem of the state.

The guests of honor and those who took active part in the exercises sat in the space directly in front of the unveiled tablet. Governor McCall occupied the chair with Cardinal O'Connell on his right and Russian Consul Conry on his left. Immediately opposite the governor sat Justice Charles A. DeCourcy of the supreme court, with Mayor Curley on his right and Herbert Parker, attorney-general, during the Governor's Guild's administration and the orator of the day, on his left. Immediately under the tablet sat the Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, pastor of the Arlington Street church, who recited the opening prayer. On his right sat Mrs. Guild and other family connections of the late governor, while late friends and associates filled the corridor.

**NELLIE FLYNN FOUND
BAG WITH \$3000**

**SHE GOT A NICKEL WITH WHICH
SHE BOUGHT THE OWNER A CUP
OF TEA—THAT'S ALL**

This is a tale of \$3000 in nice new shiny bills that was lost and found and restored to its owner recently at the northern depot. The heroine of the story was Miss Nellie Flynn, caretaker in the women's room for 30 years

and she ought to be given all the credit possible for her act because—she was not given anything else.

When the bag was found by Miss Flynn it was bulky and important looking but in accordance with her custom she did not open it, taking it instead to the ticket office where it was given the official once-over. Shades of the high cost of living! There were two bank books, showing previous deposits of \$2000 and the roll itself as large as life and twice as natural. 'Twas the biggest find Nellie had discovered for 30 years and she began to worry. "Think of that poor woman," she said, "and how terrible she'll feel. I do wish she'd come to claim her property." And, sure enough, there in a corner was tucked away the name and address of a Lowell woman.

In short order up came the owner very much perturbed in spirit. The story had spread—as such stories will—and there was quite a curious crowd. Miss Flynn was again on hand. She took the woman in hand gently and steered her straight and true to the ticket office window where the nice new roll of \$3000 was handed out without much ado. To be sure there was a reaction, whether from disappointment or joy, the poor woman was on the verge of fainting. Again did our heroine jump into the breach. She volunteered to go for a cup of tea or coffee and the woman preferred tea. She was thoughtful enough to hand Nellie the nickel for its purchase, so the roll remained intact. Back came Nellie all smiles with the steaming cup of tea. Was the woman grateful? Should say she was. The things she said about Miss Flynn being the best and kindest and honestest woman she had ever seen or heard of would bring tears to a stone. Then she walked off with the \$3000, every blessed dollar of it. All Nellie got was the nickel and she handed that out for the cup of tea, receiving no change.

Christmas Gifts—At Ricard's.

FIVE ADRIOT ON BARGE

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The coal barge Albany, owned by the Erie railroad, carrying a crew of five, which left here Wednesday low of the tug John G. Chandler, parted from the tug off Point Judith Thursday night, during a strong breeze and heavy sea. The tug, after making a search in the vicinity, towed her other two barges, Ruth and Ruhama Shaw, to Newport, and the agents in this city were notified.

The cutter Ascutahet was ordered out from Wood's Hole to search for the missing vessel.

Special: Pendants \$1 to \$25—Ricard's.

AMERICAN KILLED WHILE FLYING IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 23.—H. R. Deighton Simpson, son of Henry W. Simpson of New York, was accidentally killed while flying in England on Dec. 19. He was a lieutenant in the British flying corps.

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THE SPELLBINDER

The Christmas season which in years past has been a time of joy and festivity, is this year a time of sorrow and grief. The death of a young man, a member of the Salvation Army, has been a great loss to the community. The death of a young man, a member of the Salvation Army, has been a great loss to the community.

while the good work of the Salvation Army at this time of year is well known to all. With industrial conditions as they are and the activity of the private charities, it is safe to state that this year, at least, all of the poor of Lowell will be remembered at Christmas.

Disquieting Rumors

Rumors to the effect that there will be a general dumping out of officials at city hall are rampant at the present time, though if one will stop to recall, it has ever been thus just prior to the beginning of a new city government. There are candidates galore for the different offices, but it isn't likely that any wholesale change will be made. It takes three votes to make any change and while changes have been made against the desire of the commissioner in charge, as in the case of Mr. Heustess, they have been refused when the commissioner in charge has sought a change for the good of the service. In the case of former City Solicitor Heustess, his office came under the jurisdiction of the mayor, and the latter had no fault to find with him as head of the law department. But there were three votes against him and he was ousted, the mayor not being consulted in the matter. In the case of the superintendent of police, the commissioner in charge asked for the removal of the superintendent and gave his reasons therefor, but there were three votes against him and his wishes were not respected. Frequent changes in heads of departments are detrimental to the efficiency of the departments.

Memorial Hall

The stagings in Memorial hall have been taken down at last and disclose one of the prettiest interiors imaginable. The workmen are now laying the floor and soon will clean up the debris and leave the building, and then Lowell will have a real show place. It was a long time coming, many believe, but when completed the result will undoubtedly excite the city. When it was proposed to place three war paintings in the hall there was objection on the ground that the insertion of the pictures would destroy the architecture.

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THE AMUSEMENT CENTRE OF LOWELL

ALL NEXT WEEK

Big All Star Xmas Bill of Headliners

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RUNNING RACES AT THE ROLLAWAY

TONIGHT AND MONDAY (CHRISTMAS NIGHT)

Some of Lowell's Best Men Entered.

tural symmetry of the building. Perhaps it has done so, but only one man in a thousand will observe that fact, while the 999 will be lost in admiration for the pictures which greatly enhance the beauty and impressiveness of the interior. The arrangement of the picture of Lee's Surrender to Grant is particularly striking. As one enters the hall his eye is immediately caught by the familiar figure of General Grant surrounded by his associates, and on first glance they appear to be standing out from the background. As he enters he notes the figure of General Lee and the remainder of the picture. The latter is set within the semi-circular alcove in the centre of the hall where it fits to a nicety. Thrown on the picture from above are hidden electric bulbs that give it proper lighting. The battle pictures are on the lower side wall set on high and separated by a decorative panel of patriotic aspect and done in light colors to contrast with the general decorative scheme of the entire interior. The beautiful cathedral glass windows and delicately tinted panels on the Colburn street side of the building are beautiful in themselves and appear more so by contrast with the other side of the building. There is little doubt that the appearance of the interior of Memorial hall when blown open to the public will please the most exacting critic.

The city library the workmen are laying the battleship Inoleum, a noiseless flooring, and when they are finished the library will be completed. The new lighting effect in the library is much more cheerful than the old system of lighting and this undoubtedly will be greatly appreciated by visitors to that institution.

Locks & Canals Share

At a meeting of the Locks & Canals company to be held, it is said, next week, the city will present the company a proposition to reimburse the city of Lowell to the extent of \$20,000 for the construction of the new canal bridge at the approach to the structure over the river at Pawtucket Falls. It has been figured conservatively that the Locks & Canals company is indebted to the city to the extent of that sum on account of the new canal. This canal bridge is a much greater proposition than one would suppose it is when crossing it for the most important part of that bridge is hidden from view. Under it is the mechanism connecting the canal and main gate house, and in building the bridge the city built the south line of the lock along Pawtucket street to the line of the old abutment prior to 1871, and has gone back of the old stone abutment by four feet. In days gone by the Locks & Canals company paid for the building of the entire bridge structure, the city and town of Dracut being responsible for the abutments. Having thus established a precedent, it is believed that the Locks & Canals company will not object to paying for the canal bridge, for the existence of which it is responsible.

Dumping of Snow

It has been suggested that if the park department objects to the dumping of snow on the North common on account of the salt in the snow which ruins the grass that the street department has the big ledge lot nearby where it can dump its snow without offending anybody and without any greater harm than it does in the upper Gorham street district there would be no objections to dumping snow on the Fair grounds lot and there is the Concord river or downtown dumping.

THE SPELLBINDER.

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AMUSEMENT NOTES

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

This afternoon and tonight are the last chances offered the theatre patrons of Lowell and the surrounding cities and towns to see "Everyman's Castle," which all the week has been playing to crowded houses.

Sunday afternoon and night at the Opera House a splendid program of vaudeville and picture features will be offered, the management having secured five splendid acts and as many reels of the newest releases in photoplay. The Palm Beach Beauties, a classy musical comedy with eight pretty and clever girls and two splendid comedians is the headliner. This is one of the best acts that the "Vaudeville" has known and it is sure to make a big hit with Lowell audiences. Not in many years has such a splendid feature been offered on any local program. Abbot and Nelson are a team of clever entertainers, offering a riot of song and laughter with their newest fun gags. Handy Donaldson, the American Harry Lauder, another excellently good entertainer, while Ross and Wilson, in songs and chatter, and Carroll and Ardine, in the newest song hits and latest comedy gems, are acts

that will surely come in for a great share of applause. The photoplays will include the latest comedy and dramatic features.

Next week, starting with a special bon-bon matinee on Christmas day, the Emerson Players will present Cohan and Harris' greatest success, "It Pays to Advertise," which comes direct from a year's run in New York city, a year's run in Chicago and for six months to crowded houses in Boston. This is one of the most colossal successes ever scored on the American stage and its presentation by the Emerson Players will be the first by a stock company in the country, having been secured by special arrangement with Mr. Cohan himself at an almost prohibitive royalty. The Christmas matinee starts at 2 o'clock. Seats are selling fast, so get yours early.

H.F. KEITH'S THEATRE

Bert Lamont, the man with the voice pitched in the clouds, will appear at the H. F. Keith theatre twice tomorrow, and with him will be his quintet of western warblers, who have been singing all over the country this year, and it has become a great favorite. Al Girard and Sylvia Clark, who have been making laughs the whole winter through, will also be on the bill, as will DeCosta, the pianist and comedian, and Ellen Orr, a charming soprano. Clara Howard, a classy singing comedienne, and Bert and Sabel Marion, direct from New York, will also add a touch of novelty. Six of the very best of motion pictures will be presented in addition to the acts aforementioned. It will be a great show.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

The patrons of the Sunday concert which will be given tomorrow afternoon and evening continuously will be pleasantly entertained by the interpretations of a number of holding stars in impressive plays of diverse nature. Heading this grand list is the name of E. Wynne Matheson, the always charming actress, who will shine in her pleasing appearance in the five-act super-production, "The Governor's Lady," a play which abounds with unusual interest and many beautiful scenes. While this main attraction of the Sunday concert tomorrow is alone worth coming to see, many other plays will be presented for the approval and enjoyment, as well as of the patrons of this big show.

Great care has been taken in selecting the numbers for the special holiday bill of feature pictures which will begin with the matinee Christmas day and which will continue to be shown the two days following. Those who have been successful in gaining entrance into this theatre Christmas day may be consoled by the knowledge that they can attend on either of the two subsequent days, for the same noted stars will appear in the leading roles of the great psychological picture, "The Sex Lure," which will be shown on this holiday bill. They will also see the new picture, "The Crimson Stain Mystery," with Frank McIntyre in the title role, is the other five-act attraction to be seen also at these holiday performances. This is a real play of a real "right of the road," full of zest and pep; amusing incidents and funny experiences—just the play to be shown with "The Sex Lure." The Pathe News with the latest item of interest, a comedy drama and other pictures will complete the holiday bill for Christmas day, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Merrimack Square theatre.

OWL THEATRE

A photoplay which puts forth in a very powerful manner one of the most important problems of present-day life, and which shows up the follies and the sham of modern society, is "Divorced," the new World release, starring the famous stage star, Hilda Spong, which again be seen at the Owl theatre this afternoon and evening.

A new Charlie Chaplin feature will also be presented at the same program at the Owl today. This Chaplin Mutual comedy, "The Vagabond," is one of the funniest that the famous comedian has ever been seen in. Other excellent attractions will also be presented at the Owl today.

JEWEL THEATRE

Billie West is all the rage in his imitations of Charles Chaplin. He is seen in his latest at the Jewel theatre today in conjunction with the episodes of "The Crimson Stain Mystery" and "Liberty." The regular releases are very fine, and some are shown in multiple reels. All-around varied program of admission, excellence, and low prices of admission.

ROYAL THEATRE

"Found Gully," the second episode of "Pearl of the Army," one of the many special attractions on today's Royal theatre program. Episodes of "Grant, Police Reporter," and "Liberty," starring Marie Walcamp, and Eddie Polo, are also shown besides this splendid attraction. The usual releases contain some very fine dramas and comedies—usual prices of admission.

Merrimack Sq. Theatre

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OUR GREATEST NATIONAL WEAKNESS

One of the announcements made by Premier Lloyd George in his speech after assuming the duties of the office, was, that the entire merchant marine of the United Kingdom would be nationalized, that is, the entire trading vessels would be taken in charge by the government and used to promote the interests of the empire during the war.

To Americans who are acquainted with our national dependence upon England in the matter of a merchant marine, this announcement caused considerable alarm. It may not be known generally, yet it is an undisputed fact, that the bulk of our foreign commerce has been conducted in British ships.

Some authorities go so far as to assert that in case of war, we could not supply our coaling stations abroad without calling in foreign assistance. This is a very serious state of affairs and at this stage there is no telling what the precise result of England's new policy will be. If England should withdraw all her ships from the American trade, this nation would be left almost as badly off as if it were under a general blockade. To be sure the evil might be overcome after a year or two, but during that time our industries would have to suffer a most serious handicap on account of the lack of an adequate merchant marine.

Perhaps if the truth were known, it was the anticipation of the serious hold-up that would come to our commerce as a result of this move, that caused President Wilson to send his recent note to the belligerent powers suggesting that the contending parties state the conditions upon which they would enter into negotiations of peace.

The authorities at Washington have been repeatedly warned of the helpless condition in which this country would find itself in case of war without having a merchant marine big enough for transport business, much less to take care of our foreign commerce. If England should carry out her plan of withdrawing all British ships from American trade many of our American industries would be paralyzed inasmuch as they would have no means of shipping their products abroad. Perhaps this situation will open the eyes of the American people to the insecure methods under which we have been conducting our commerce.

While democrats favored a merchant marine, they did not favor subsidies to private concerns. England pays liberal subsidies, but the vessels of every company so subsidized become auxiliaries to the navy in time of war. In this way the big ships of the Cunard line for example became auxiliary cruisers or transports soon after the war began, while trading vessels have been employed in other lines as dictated by the necessities of the government.

President Wilson has urged the necessity of a merchant marine in the face of much opposition but it is probable that even the republicans will now see that prompt and radical action is demanded. The shipping act already passed will have to be supplemented and strengthened.

There have been many obstacles in the way, it is true, chief among them being the matter of reducing sailors to a condition of servitude which cannot be countenanced under the American constitution. The American Seaman's act protects them against such conditions. President Wilson's plan is to have the government build ships or get them in any other legitimate way and control their operation.

Thus in a few years the government might be able to build up a merchant marine that would be able to handle the bulk of our foreign trade and relieve us of the abject dependence upon England or any other foreign nation.

Should the government be thrown upon its own resources before the end of the war, it could purchase the interned vessels of Germany and other belligerent powers without any breach of neutrality by arranging not to have the purchase price paid until after the war. After all, this emergency may prove beneficial in arousing the American people to a state of mind in which they will demand the building up of a first class merchant marine that will take our flag to every harbor in the world and that will also demonstrate the capacity of American seamen under conditions superior to those offered by any other government.

At a time when the industries of this country appeared to have a great opportunity for entering foreign fields with unusual success, this situation arising from the war is quite embarrassing, but it must be met so as to give us a merchant marine adequate to all our needs.

Even Japan is looming up with a merchant marine that carries her products to foreign ports. Thus in spite of the higher cost of labor and material in this country, it is simply imperative that this, our most glaring national weakness, be overcome with the least possible delay. As a world power and particularly in the domain of commerce, it is highly detrimental to our interests to depend for our sea faring trade upon foreign nations some of which may be classed as avowed rivals in the markets of the world.

To the readers of The Sun, we wish a merry, merry Christmas and all the enjoyment of the season.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

In spite of the various forms of opposition to President Wilson's anti-strike message, he evidently intends to carry through his program as planned. While one party is talking national defense and the necessity of compulsory military service, to be consistent, some provision must be made by which this preparedness might not be nullified by a tie-up in the railroad lines of the entire country. The proposed law to make all railroad strikes illegal until the points at issue be investigated and reported upon will safeguard the government and the public by at least giving due notice of approaching trouble and giving the country an opportunity to decide the merits of the case in advance of the strike. Moreover, as correlative to that law, the president will have the power to seize such rolling stock of railroads as he may deem necessary for military service and he will also be authorized to draft the necessary train crews and other employees for service in such emergencies. That would afford the government an opportunity to protect itself and to protect the country also. It is a necessary step in the work of national preparedness as a condition precedent to military preparedness.

LLOYD GEORGE'S PEACE

Premier Lloyd George has made a good impression upon the whole world excepting perhaps the central powers by his first official utterance in parliament. He took a strong and definite stand upon the war and the only one that England and her allies could properly take unless they were prepared to submit to Germany and acknowledge defeat. So far from that being the case, the allies are now more confident than ever and despite the vast expense, they are preparing to push the war with renewed vigor. The premier's speech in parliament has elicited the enthusiastic approval not only of the people of England but also of the other allied nations. Rev. Dr. McMahon, a New York clergyman, states that Pope Benedict XV favors the kind of peace outlined by Premier George in his speech, one that will be just and that will endure. That is the peace that the whole world, except those on whom it would fall most heavily, desires to have; it is the kind the allies say they must have; but when it will come or how, is a question which none can answer.

MAY PACIFY IRELAND

It is now announced that the new premier of Great Britain has a definite plan for the settlement of the Irish question and the pacification of the Irish people. It was expected that Premier George would do something

in this line as he was always in favor of settling the question without haggling so much over it. He never was inclined to pander so much to the Ulster minority as was Premier Asquith. The New York municipal council of the United Irish league, the other day, adopted a manifesto stating that those who tried to make it appear that Ireland is an ally of Germany are not aiding the Irish cause, but on the contrary are putting a weapon in the hands of Ireland's enemies with which they may do serious harm. England has wasted a great deal of time over this question although ministers with a keen insight to the real interests of the empire would have settled it in a few weeks by sweeping aside the opposition. They are now beginning to see where their real interests lie and to distinguish between essentials and non-essentials.

SECRETARY LANSING EXPLAINS

Secretary of State Lansing announced that his first explanation of President Wilson's note was seriously misunderstood when the general public assumed that the president had intimated that this country might be obliged to enter the war. The secretary hinted at this eventuality and left the impression that it was this very feeling that led the president to address his note to the powers at this particular time. The explanation did not do justice either to the president or to the note. There was no such intimation in the president's words and as a result the secretary was promptly called to the White House and advised to issue a contradiction of his first statement which he did without delay. It was a very serious matter at such a critical moment to give out any statement that placed the president and the country in the light of contemplating war.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE HORSE

That was a novel idea carried out in Boston this afternoon when a Christmas tree was provided on Post-office square for the work horses of the city. The tree, of course, was loaded with good things for the horses and it was quite interesting no doubt to see how they helped themselves to the edibles and entered into the spirit of the occasion. The only approach to anything of this kind that we remember in Lowell, occurred at a banquet given by Frederick G. Mitchell to the men who had worked in the new Bon Marche building. While the banquet was in progress the horse that had operated the derrick all during work of construction, was supplied with a fine menu at the door of the banquet hall. It does no harm once in a while to show a little kindness to the dumb animals that render such assistance to man, in his work.

Seen and Heard

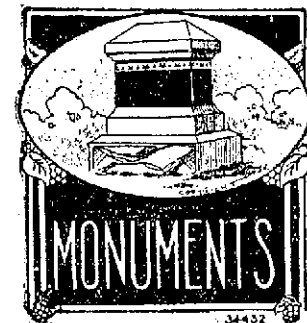
How many folks there are who want to suggest things first themselves.

Danger in Waiting

Just because an Oregon scientist declares that old men do the best work is no reason, of course, why young fellows should run off contemplated achievements until the arrival of declining years. It may be that the man who accomplishes little in his early maturity will make up for the lack when he starts down the western slope of life. It doesn't sound reasonable, however.

The Way of a Woman

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day without speaking."
"She did?"
"Yes, she stuck up thing."
"I wouldn't say that. Perhaps she didn't mean to snub you."
"Of course she meant to snub me. You see, I had on my old hat."
"That wouldn't make any difference to her."
"Oh wouldn't it? Once before, when I happened to have on an old dress, she didn't speak to me, either. Now I'm through with her. If she doesn't credit me for me to speak when I'm in my old clothes she needn't speak at all. I won't speak to her when I'm dressed up. That's all there is to it."
"Did you speak to her?"
"I should say not! It's her place to speak first. Do you suppose I'm going to attract attention by yelling my lungs out for the sake of her? I guess not."
"Perhaps she didn't see you."
"See me? Of course she did. I saw her, didn't I? Then why didn't she see me?"—Detroit Free Press.

Hard Work Spells Success
Following rainbows in the form of get-rich-quick schemes is the shortcut to failure. Gov. Philip told the Commerce club of Marquette university. He said that for every plunger who scores a brilliant success there are thousands of failures among men who bank on the turn of a single card in the business world. Conservative men are the great business leaders of the country, he asserted.
Here are a few of the governor's "punches" on "the road to success":
"Find out what you want to do and do it well."
"Don't be a plunger—don't chase rainbows—be conservative."
"Don't borrow money unless you know how you are going to pay it back."
"There is a payday for everything in life, and the man who fails to keep his credit record straight will be ruined."
"Don't be just legally honest—be honest because you like to be square and clean in your dealings."
"Put 'pep' into your work and be game in the face of failure."
"There is no royal road to success—success in any industry honestly applied."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Dickens and Christmas
To the genius of Charles Dickens was due the familiar type of Christmas story. The pioneer of all Christmas stories was "A Christmas Carol." Thereafter came the tale of Old Scrooge and Tiny Tim, a "national benefit." More than that, "A Christmas Carol" was an international benefit, carrying its burden of happiness across the Atlantic and disseminating its cheerfulness in every community in the United States. Dickens' readers have smiled through their tears in the seventy-three years that the world has been the richer for having "A Christmas Carol."
Dickens wrote the story at the end of 1843 to relieve himself of the financial burden of the Christmas season. He was a rather lavish housekeeper. By his rather lavish housekeeping, he was disappointed in the pecuniary returns. He received less than \$4000 from the sale in its original edition. This is attributed to the very expensive form in which it was published. In other Christmas books which followed, beginning with "The Chimes" were much more profitable. Then in later years the Christmas numbers of Household Words, to which the "Christmas Stories" were contributed, sometimes reached a sale of 300,000 copies.

In the end Dickens had little reason to complain of the rewards of his efforts in opening up the rich vein of Christmas fiction. He was acknowledged the supreme master in that field. Thackeray published Christmas books, but wisely refrained from attempting anything similar to "A Christmas Carol" or "The Chimes." In their own way, however, "Rebecca and Rowena," an unapproached masterpiece of literary burlesque, and "The Rose and the Ring," a delightful story for children, which retains its charm for their elders, are as matchless as the two principal Christmas books by Dickens.

Moonlight Nights
Moonlight is different from any other light. There is something about it that cannot be imitated—a softness, or silveriness, that cannot be fashioned with the artificial lights, nor prepared by subduing the light of the sun. And a moonlight night—out in the country—well, there is that connected with it which inspires.
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and poured over the earth. It sifts through the trees and settles about the earth as gently as the twilight falls at evening but with a subtler torch. The shadows along the road seem more freakish, more mysterious. The fields do not appear the same as at any other time. The forms appear exaggerated, or unnatural. Even the sounds are not the same after they have vibrated through the night when the moon is shining.

And then whether sailing unobstructed through the heavens, or splattered with sweeping clouds, the moon itself attracts your attention. You cannot help looking at it—and wondering. Of course you know all about it. You have read in the books its character and characteristics. But you wonder just the same.
But the moonlight night! That's the thing! What boots it whether the wise ones know or have only guessed? There it is—the moonlight, mellowed and subdued and cheerful. There are the shadowy ramifications, the forms and features nowhere else to be observed. There is the stillness of the night, the stars twinkling at you in their efforts to secure your attention—in competition with the bolder moon.
—From the Dayton News.

Grownup
Last year he wanted building blocks. And picture books and toys. A saddle horse that galloped rocks. And games for little boys. But now he's big and all that stuff. He tells us that he's old enough To ask for rubber boots.

Last year whatever Santa brought Delighted him to own. He never gave his wish a thought And never knew his wishes known. But now he says he wants a gun The kind that really shoots. And I'm confronted with a son Demanding rubber boots.

The baby that we used to know Has somehow slipped away. And where he's gone he's changed to go Not one of us can say. But here's a helter-skelter lad That to me mightly scents And boldly wishes that he had A pair of rubber boots.

I'll bet old Santa Claus will sigh When down our list he comes And sees the wishes that he used to be And suck his tiny thumbs. And finds within that little bed A grownup boy that wants A building block and wants instead A pair of rubber boots.

—Edgar A. Guest, in Detroit Free Press.

They Do Say

That the Turks are still in the war.
That the rest of the turkeys are doomed.
That stockings of Lowell kiddies will be well filled.
That umbrellas were very appropriate yesterday.
That happy is the child with a pretty Christmas tree.
That Jupiter Pluvius was on the job yesterday all right.
That this is the last day to do your Christmas shopping.
That the singer and story-teller at Kelt's was some girl.
That many a man to cure a headache cultivates a headache.
That it was easy to picture Santa Claus coming last night.
That it's a good idea to start the new year with a bank account.
That the remark "Oh, Stush!" was very appropriate yesterday.
That there's a whole lot said about co-operation that isn't meant.
That it is hard to look surprised at some of those surprise parties.
That all the traffic cops were blowing fog horns yesterday afternoon.
That the umbrella and shoe dealers had a thriving business yesterday.
That some of the greatest poets you meet never wrote a line of poetry.
That Ernest J. Dupont will make an efficient president for Club Lafayette.
That peace will look as strange to all Europe now as war would seem to us.
That next week will be a busy one for clergymen in tying nuptial knots.
That you may kick all you want to about Lowell, but how about Soissons?
That a diary is a poor substitute for memory, but it is handy just the same.
That Old Scrooge left a large family

behind and this is the season you find 'em.

That Billy Sunday will hand some hot shot to Boston when he gets somewhere else.

That many poor families will be made happy by the Salvation army dinners.

That many people are wondering whether it is better to use wheels or runners.

That a physician is a man who tells you you need change and then takes all you have.

That when a girl toes in "way back in her family there was an Indian chief somewhere."

That some fellows can get away with a questionable story and make it sound like a classic.

That the shopping in local stores today showed that the money was not all spent early.

That one of the prettiest trees of all is the tree that has itself for flowers and toys for fruit.

That a club lecture on "current events" is an attempt to have another digest your mental food.

That the raising of salaries at city hall is never popular with those who are on the outside looking in.

That Christmas didn't pass unnoticed in the schools even if the programs weren't carried out as planned.

That when it comes to playing poker with a pinhead pack it is time to wander away from the "Suck-Together" club.

That as seen from the tenth floor, the snow-marked roof of the Prescott mill looks like photos of the square of St. Mark's.

That the kids are always happy at a time of Christmas cheer—but how hard it is to kid oneself when the eve of life draws near!

That the no-school signal yesterday afternoon prevented the carrying out of some of the entertainments in the public schools.

That Rep. Achin will be one of the busiest men in Lowell New Year's eve, for he is scheduled to attend at least a dozen jollifications.

That the shortest day in the year proved to be a very foggy one, and it was necessary to use electric lights during the mid-afternoon.

That the homely one may grow up to diamonds and a limousine, while the pretty one may grow to the garret and the one black silk dress for the old maid's home.

That Captain Brosnan is looking the picture of health, but his left hand is still in a condition that will probably cause him to remain away from his post for several weeks.

SAY SHORTAGE MADE BY COAL DEALERS

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The state commission conducting an inquiry on high prices held a public hearing at the State House yesterday noon and invited men and women to recite their grievances on the subject of coal. Those who attended urged government ownership of the mines, and several alleged that they had proof concerning a conspiracy among Boston coal dealers to create a shortage through which they might benefit by boosting prices.

It became known during the hearing that the town of Winchester is considering a plan to conduct a municipal coal office. Winfield Tuck, representing the town, said he had been chosen a committee of one to make a report on this subject at the next town meeting.

James E. Soudburn, publisher of a labor magazine, charged the Boston Consolidated Gas company with having taken advantage of the coal shortage in the present shortage of coal. He stated he had to pay \$3.40 a ton for coke and thought that price was unreasonable.

Joseph J. Leonard of Boston asked the commission to give particular study to the problem of furnishing coal in small lots to poor people. He suggested automatic machines that would release five or ten cents' worth of fuel, conducted by the municipality for those who cannot afford to buy coal by the ton. This, he stated, would do away with the cost of handling bags and middlemen's profits.

Mrs. Howard F. Slocum of Wakefield presented bills showing that she had paid \$11 a ton for coal. Albert C. Anderson of Stoneham turned over a receipt showing that he had paid \$13 per ton. Other figures for coal charges were exhibited showing an astonishing variance in prices charged by dealers.

Vincent E. Barnes of Westfield suggested that Niagara Falls be harnessed to furnish heat, light and power



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for New England. Philip Duggan of Boston said there is plenty of coal at the mines, but facilities for transportation to tidewater were lacking. He thought J. P. Morgan and the president of the Reading railroad could solve the whole problem.

Mrs. Carrie G. Barr suggested government ownership of railroads as well as of mines. Charlotte Fairfield of Salem, a coal dealer, said she is unable to get coal from her usual source of supply.

Joseph R. Lees of Somerville declared that "gentlemen's agreement" has existed among Boston coal dealers since 1872. "There is plenty of coal at the mines," he said, "but Boston men have issued orders that it is to be held back in order that present conditions may be continued."

Boston's local authorities, household associations and women's organizations were praised by United States District Attorney George W. Anderson, yesterday, for the manner in which they have taken up the high cost of living problem in this city. He has just returned from a tour of the east and middle west investigating high prices for the United States attorney-general.

"There should be no exaggeration of the price of coal," he warned. "We propose to do our part, but it should be understood that our part is necessarily a comparatively small one in the solution of the high cost of living problem."

TEIPER FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 23.—John Edward Teiper is guilty in the second degree of the murder of his mother in the Orchard Park road on the night of Jan. 30. That was the verdict of the jury which reported at 5.10 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after 23 hours of deliberation. Teiper will probably be sentenced on Thursday, Dec. 28. At that time his counsel will make application for a new trial.

The verdict broke the iron nerve of the young defendant, who throughout the long trial had given no sign of emotion.

"Gentlemen of the jury," asked the clerk, "have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We have," answered the foreman. "We find John Edward Teiper, the defendant, guilty."

An agonized cry broke the sentence. It was the wife of the defendant. Teiper tottered and would have fallen had he not been caught from behind by a deputy. Placed in his chair, he sagged forward, great sobs shaking his body.

"Oh, my God!" he shrieked as he struggled to rise. "This is not fair!"

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THINGS ARE VERY QUIET AT WASHINGTON

Special to The Sun
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The decision of Col. Abbott, chief of the board of army engineers, as made known by him this week, to reverse the decision of the late Col. Craigbill and accept the suggestion made by Congressman Rogers of Lowell for improvements on the Merrimack river is a big feather in the cap of the Lowell member of congress.

It is now proposed to recommend improvements which will include an 18-foot channel from the sea to Lowell at Hunts Falls, the state of Massachusetts to bear 50 per cent of the cost and the federal government the other 50 per cent. The cost as estimated is approximately \$7,000,000. This is the first time since the Merrimack improvements were first agitated a half century ago by Gen. Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell that the matter has advanced to such a stage. The next step will be to bring it before congress for consideration. The Massachusetts representatives from the several Merrimack districts worked in harmony for the project, but it rested on the shoulders of Congressman Rogers of Lowell to push the matter to a finish, which he did even though the first decision was an adverse one. He then prepared a most comprehensive summary of the situation and benefits to be derived from carrying out the project, appealed from the first decision and now has won out by securing a favorable report from Col. Abbott, chief of the board.

President and Newspapersmen

President Wilson this week resumed his weekly conferences with newspapermen at the White House, after having discontinued them for a year on account of the embarrassing questions

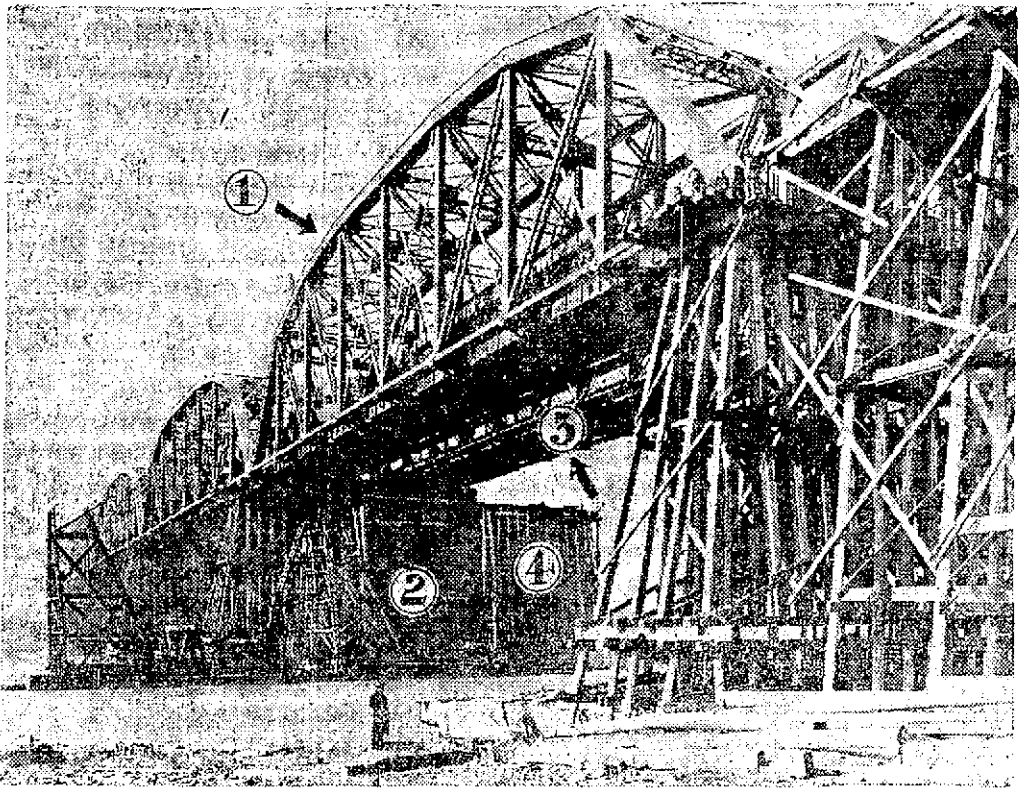
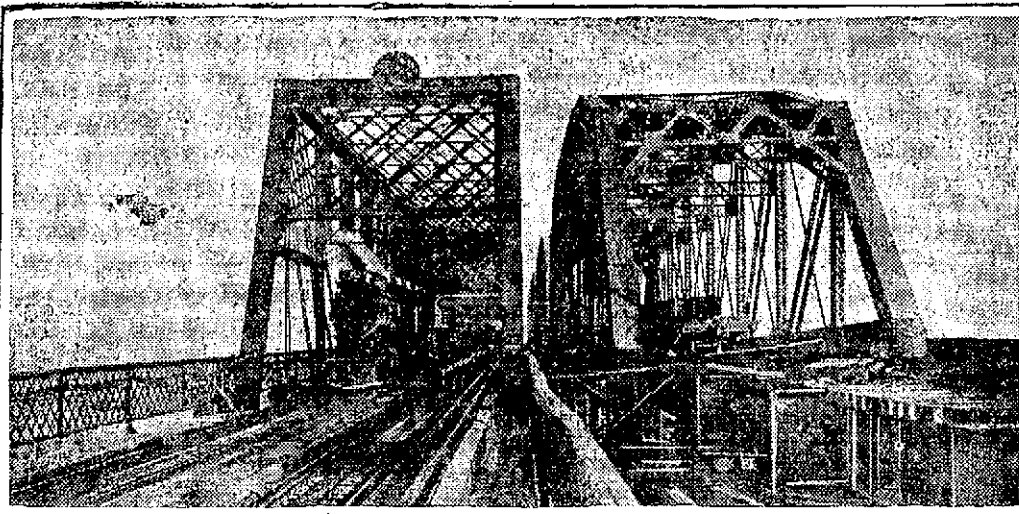
asked regarding foreign affairs. This week he was pelted with questions of all kinds, except those which he told the men he did not wish to be touched upon. It is an unwritten law that the president is not to be directly quoted after these interviews, but the correspondents gain an opinion of his views which they are at liberty to use. The president made it quite evident that he intends to press the railroad legislation, but was unwilling to state whether or not he would call an extra session if his legislative program as outlined was not put through before March 4th. Apparently he has no intention of recalling the Pershing troops from Mexico at present, but he made it plain he did not wish to be closely questioned regarding Mexico or Europe. There seems to be a general opinion among those who saw the president that he is opposed to state railway commissions on the ground that they interfere with and obstruct the work of the interstate commerce commission, and that if such state commissions are not abolished they should be limited to authority on matters entirely within their own states.

And while we are commenting on possible future action and making predictions, it may be well to say that there is a good deal of talk out here to the effect that a big break between President Wilson and Mr. Campers is looming up in pretty plain sight. As neither man is made up of pliable clay, the sparks will fly when the crash comes.

Receptions and Dinners

The White House began its state receptions and dinners a full month earlier than usual. In addition to several elaborate formal dinners the

ENGINEERING SKILL SHOWN IN SHIFTING TRAFFIC ON BRIDGE ACROSS MISSOURI RIVER



TOP PHOTO—OLD AND NEW MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGES—LOWER—1 NEW STRUCTURE, 2 OLD FOUNDATION, 3 OLD BRIDGE. — 4. STRUCTURE ON WHICH OLD BRIDGE HAS BEEN PLACED BEFORE BEING DISMANTLED

Undoubtedly one of the greatest engineering feats of modern railroad times was the changing of the long railroad bridge across the Missouri river at Omaha.

The installation of this new railroad bridge, capable of accommodating the immense traffic across the river at this point, was accomplished in less than one hour and the gigantic traffic was held up less than sixty minutes. The piers which provided the foundation for the old bridge were used for the new one. When the last work was done on the new bridge, the change

was made by slipping the immense steel structure upon the old foundation, with the old structure switched to the other side. A peculiar feature of the old structure is that it is as good as when built, but with the constantly increasing traffic at Omaha the immense tonnage was such that a new bridge was necessary to take it safely. In May, 1915, work upon the new bridge was started on false piers, parallel with the old structure. Working day and night since the inception of the work, 260 men were required to complete it in good time for the big

change. The new bridge is double tracked, the only one across the Missouri river; is 1,722 feet long, weighs 10,520,000 pounds, is seventy feet wide and cost \$1,000,000. Six trunk lines of railroad use this bridge. Three hundred and twenty trains, freight and passenger, cross this bridge every twenty-four hours or one every four and a half minutes. Top picture shows old and new bridges. No. 1, new structure; 2, old foundation; 3, old bridge; 4, structure for old bridge before dismantling.

first of the big evening receptions has already been held. It was in honor of the judiciary and first to greet the president and Mrs. Wilson was Chief Justice White, portly, jovial, and whose ruddy face was wreathed in broad smiles as he chatted with the president and Mrs. Wilson a moment before passing down the line. When the president and Mrs. Wilson passed down the main stairway, escorted by naval and military aides, and followed by the members of the cabinet and their wives, a hum of admiration rose from the onlookers, for certainly the White House bride of a year and a day was exceedingly attractive to look upon.

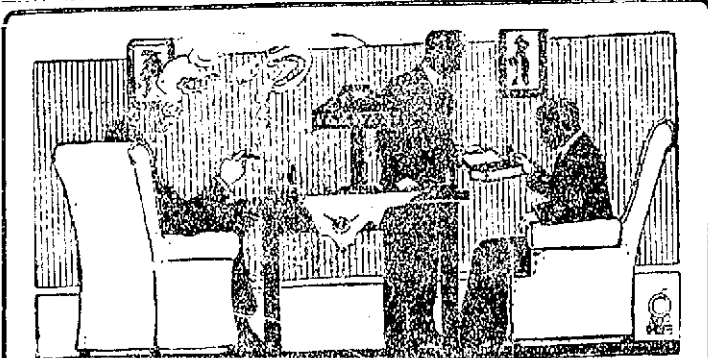
Mrs. Wilson wore a beautiful gown of white satin with a shimmer of gold, and was both handsome and graceful. The rooms were decorated with colors best suited to their furnishings and one room was of American Beauty roses, one of pink roses, one with huge yellow chrysanthemums, and the state dining room banked with poinsettias and ferns. The Marine band in brilliant scarlet uniforms played its best, the white evening through and a buffet supper of salads, ice cream, punch and all sorts of good things to eat and drink was served throughout the entire evening. The Wilsons are generous entertainers and the entertainments they offer lavish in the extreme. This year there will be no diplomatic reception and to avoid embarrassing the invi-

tations to the diplomats representing belligerent nations will be distributed that no social clash can result by their meeting on White House territory.

Ashes Very Valuable

Over in the treasury department is a small box of ashes which the New Hampshire owner values at \$600. The head of the household, so the story runs, wanted to kindle a quick fire in the evening and the evening was cold and the fire ran low. He picked up some old newspapers and a paper bag from the table in "the sitting room" and soon had a fine blaze racing up the chimney. Then wife came in looking for a paper bag she had left on the table. It was gone. Wife said bag contained \$60 in \$1 bills and that husband must have used it for kindling along with the newspapers. In a minute that room didn't need any fires in the stove to take off the chill. Husband and wife were "hot up" enough just by search and conversation. Yesterday a box of ashes reached

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RUBENSTEIN NAMES SON ONE KILLED AND FIVE AFTER JUDGE LANDIS INJURED IN WRECK

LAWYER RECENTLY INVOLVED IN DIFFICULTIES WITH JUDGE CONSIDERS HE HAS ATONED

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Abraham Rubenstein, an attorney who recently has been involved in difficulties with Judge Keneaw Mountain Landis in the federal court considers today that he has atoned. As a result of Rubenstein's act Judge Landis suspended him from federal practice, and held him to the grand jury on charges of perjury and conspiracy. Rubenstein erred again. The judge cited him for contempt of court and ordered him to jail. The lawyer pleaded for mercy, urging he wished to be home as he was expecting an heir.

"Rubenstein," said Judge Landis, "I've let people off on all kinds of excuses. They have taken advantage of my sympathies. Now you make good on this excuse."

Yesterday a breathless Rubenstein rushed into the court room and attempted to push by several bailiffs. "There is a temporary stoppage of all this commotion," said a bailiff.

"Yes there is, yes there is," shouted Rubenstein. "I've named him Keneaw Mountain Landis Rubenstein."

"Say that name again," ordered the judge.

Rubenstein did. Judge Landis called for his hat and coat and adjourned court.

B. & M. IN MIDDLE

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Attorney Boyd E. Jones, counsel for the interests of the Boston & Maine railroad and now seek a permanent receivership, produced figures yesterday to prove that if the road applied all available assets to liabilities there would still be a deficit of \$12,256,303.

The figures were submitted in the receivership hearing before Federal Court Justice Morton for the purpose of sustaining his previous statement that this is true.

William J. Hobbs, financial vice president of the road, in his testimony stated that the net assets of the road for five years ending June 30, 1916, was \$3,026,431, an average of \$605,000 a year. For the next three months he said the net surplus was \$2,046,376.

Attorney Conrad W. Crocker, representing minority stockholders who oppose the receivership, cross-examined the witness. The hearing adjourned until Tuesday forenoon.

Manicure and Toilet Sets—Ricard's

the business part of their daily sessions, the establishment of the U. S. government all cabinet meetings have been in the forenoon until the recent change of hours established by President Wilson.

Gone to Far West

Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall have gone to the far west to spend the holidays, but he designated the assistant on the floor of the senate to act as host to a fine Christmas dinner for the senate pages. The dinner will be served in the senate restaurant and will be a perfect feast.

Official Washington Deserted

"Nobody Home" best describes the situation in official Washington, this week. Scarcely a baker's dozen were left to answer to the call several days before the actual holiday recess began. The senators and congressmen seem to look forward to a holiday at home with as much zest as do the small children of the family. The holiday spirit is in the air and outgoing trains carry back home hundreds of legislators whose families will return with them for the rest of the winter. Practically the entire Massachusetts delegation left this week but will return in ample time for the opening of the session January 2nd.

RICHARDS.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 22.—One man was killed and five injured, three seriously, in a rear-end collision late yesterday between a work train and freight train in the West Springfield yards of the Boston & Albany railroad. The dead man was John C. Gilmore, fireman of the locomotive on the work train.

Gilmore was crushed between the cab and the tender. The damage to rolling stock was slight and the westbound track was soon cleared. The eastbound track, on which the wreck occurred, was blocked for some hours. The work train was carrying workmen from the West Springfield shops to the Springfield station. The engineer, Edwin L. Reed, a veteran in the service, is supposed to have had a clear signal on leaving the West Springfield yards. Just before coming to the west end of the bridge across the Connecticut river his locomotive crashed into a string of freight cars which was waiting on the bridge to pass through the Springfield station. The seriously injured men, besides the engineer, were riding either on the platform or in the car end of the first car of the work train.

Umbrellas—At Ricard's

MATRIMONIAL

Frederick N. Russell and Miss Mabel E. LaFlamme were married Wednesday at Notre Dame de Lourdes church by the pastor, Rev. Leon Lamotte, O. M. I. The witnesses were Joseph and Sidney LaFlamme, father and brother of the bride, respectively. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, 17 Burlington avenue. After a honeymoon trip the couple will make their home at 28 Bartt street.

IN BOSTON
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Stationary Firemen

On Sunday, Dec. 24th, at 2:30 p. m., the regular meeting of Local 14, I.B.S.F., will be held at 32 Middle street. At this meeting the charter which was opened six months ago will probably be closed. All firemen sending in their applications at this meeting may come in at open charter rates. The election of officers will take place at this meeting. All firemen should attend and bring their due cards with them for renewal.

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